



MERRIMAC

**TOWN
REPORT**

1977

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN *of* MERRIMAC
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1977

Woodbury Named FinCom Chairman 11/9/78

MERRIMAC — David Woodbury last week was elected chairman of the finance committee to replace Harry Bowen who resigned the position after the last special town meeting.

Bowen will remain as a member of the committee.

Woodbury is one of three new committee members appointed by Moderator Parker McLaren to bring the committee up to strength. The other new members are

Richard L. Coburn, 42 River Road, and Robert N. Zacharis, 25 Orchard St.

Zacharis is a former member of the committee and at one time served as its chairman.

Remaining on the committee are Bowen, John Dunn, Deborah Willman and Susanna Brown.

Woodbury, who lives at 1 Lincoln St., is an engineer with the Compugraphic Co., Wilmington.





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OFFICE of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

THE TOWN of MERRIMAC
MASSACHUSETTS 01860

Telephone: (617) 346-9022

May 16, 1978

Dorothy A. Cloyd, Town Clerk
Town Hall
Merrimac, Ma. 01860

Dear Dot:

The Board of Assessors has organized for the
ensuing year as follows:

Edward R. Davis, Chairman
Edmond L. Hamel, Clerk
J. Duncan How, Member
Mildred D. Shelley, Secretary

Very truly yours,

FOR THE ASSESSORS

Millie



OFFICE of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

THE TOWN of MERRIMAC
MASSACHUSETTS 01860

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October 12, 1978

To the Honorable
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Merrimac, Ma., 01860

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors has received approval from the Commissioner of the State Tax Bureau for a property tax of \$ 40.25, for the new Fiscal 1978-79 year, beginning July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979:

School Tax 26.55

General Gov. Tax 13.70

Total Tax per \$1000 \$40.25

We are today notifying the news media, Arlington Trust Computer Center and the Tax Collector of this new rate for the Town of Merrimac

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Edward R. Davis, Chairman

E. S. Hornel

C. J. Horn

copy to: Accountant
Finance Committee

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED OFFICERS

✓ MODERATOR

Parker McLaren

1 yr. 1979

✓ BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 yrs

George A. Waterhouse, Chairman *346-9365*

Term expires 1979

George P. Stevens

346-9761

1980

Nancy C. MacGregor

346-8343

~~1978~~ *1981*

✓ TOWN TREASURER

Geraldine A. Wallace

1 yr. 1979 346-9356

✓ TAX COLLECTOR

Wilfred G. Journey

3 yrs. 1979 346-8761

✓ TOWN CLERK

Dorothy A. Cloyd

1 yr. 1979 346-8013

✓ ASSESSORS

3 years

Edmund L. Hamel, Chairman

Term expires 1980

Edward R. Davis

1979

J. Duncan How

~~1978~~ *1981*

memo

*rec'd
3-22-79
MAH*

from **OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

date March 21, 1979

to Dot Cloyd

Dot:

Thought you might be interested in knowing that with the recent Planning Board appointments McLaughlin was appointed to fill the Waterhouse vacancy and Becker for the McAllister vacancy.

Thanks
bz

PLANNING BOARD

5 yrs.

Arthur D. Evans, Chairman

Term expires 1980

Frank C. Casazza

1979 1979-1984

~~George F. Mahoney~~ ROBERT HARRINGTON

1978 1983

~~Douglas A. McAllister~~ (BECKER)

1981-1982

~~Richard A. Waterhouse~~ - resigned 11/14/78 (McLAUGHLIN)

1981

MVPC - Delegate Arthur D. Evans

MVPC - Alternate

1979

ROBERT A. BECKER

1979

DANIEL J. McLAUGHLIN CONSTABLES 3 yrs.

Brian W. Peavey

Term expires 1980

Jeffrey O. Frost

1980

Alfred Nichols

1980

✓ TREE WARDEN

3 yrs.
1979

George T. MacGown

✓ BOARD OF HEALTH

3 years

Robert F. Roy, Chairman

Term expires 1978 ¹⁹⁸¹ ~~1978~~

Constance A. Hoyt

1979

Arthur W. Hoyt

~~1980~~

Resigned 2/3/78
RICHARD OUELLETTE

1979

✓ SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 yrs.

Eida V. Jervy

STEPHEN SPOFFORD - Resigned 1/4/79

Term expires 1978 ~~1981~~

Rhonda Osborne

1978 ~~1981~~

Zillah Buzzell

1979

John R. Walsh

1980

Charles H. Goldstein

1980

Whittier Vo-Tech Rep. — Ruth Parker

✓ TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 yrs.

Eida V. Jervy

Term expires 1978 ~~1981~~

Eleanor S. Hope

1978 ~~1981~~

Nathan Tufts, Jr.

1979

Mary E. Parry

1979

Jeffrey W. Hoyt

1980

E. Elizabeth Pittman

1980

✓ PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

5 yrs

George P. Stevens

Term expires 1978 ~~1983~~

Leon B. Smith

1979

Michael J. McLaughlin

1980

William B. Bickford

1981

Robert D. Randall

1982

TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

3 yrs.

ALLEN T. WILSON

Louis P. Bibeau

Term expires 1978

Charlie O. Haynes

1980

✓ TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY

3 yrs.

Merrill B. Smith, Sr.

Term expires 1980

Alva W. Clark

1979

Harold R. Arbour

1981

~~appointed positions 1978~~

MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

Brian W. Peavey - *Resigned 9/5/78* Term expires ~~1978~~ *1981*
 James A. Hume 1979
 Wayne W. Brooks 1980
LAWRENCE HARDY APPOINTED TO BRIAN'S UNTIL 1979

MUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSIONERS

Brian W. Peavey - *Resigned 9/5/78* Term expires ~~1978~~ *1981*
 James A. Hume 1979
 Wayne W. Brooks 1980
LAWRENCE HARDY APPOINTED TO BRIAN'S UNTIL 1979

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dorothy Olson, Gov. Appointee
 William D. Vance Term expires ~~1978~~ *1983*
 William H. Whiting 1980
 Alexander M. Sullivan 1981
 George E. Lucy 1982

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

William W. Raper, Jr., Ch Term expires 1980
 Thomas A. Sayers 1979
 Clifton E. Bixby ~~1978~~ *1981*

DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Harry Bowen, Chairman ✓ Term expires 1978
~~Revin S. Bothwell~~ 1978
 Susanna S. Brown ✓ 1978
 John E. Dunn ✓ 1978
 Stephen P. Spofford 1978
~~Deborah C. Willman~~ 1978
~~Robert A. Harrington~~ 1978
DAVID WOODBURY
ROBERT ZACHARIS
RICHARD COBURN

MacLeod Heads Board

MERRIMAC — Robert D. MacLeod has been elected chairman of the board of Appeals, succeeding Melinda Davis.

Ellan Evans has been appointed a permanent member.

The board has requested that selectmen appoint two additional associate mem-

bers to bring the total membership to five permanent and three associate members.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Melinda Davis, Chairman	Term expires 1980
Richard Herbert	1980
Robert MacLeod	1979
Karen Ehrig res'd 1/1/78	1979
William J. Burns	1978
Robert J. Sayers	1981

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS BOARD OF APPEALS

George Mutti

Ellan Evans

9/26/78

MEMO TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Registrars would like to appoint Madeleine A. Lay to replace the late Arthur R. Cloyd on the Board of Registrars.

If this meets with your approval, will you please make out appointment because a recount has been petitioned for and is to be conducted 10/2/78.

Dot Cloyd

Clerk

10/2/78

Barbara will give you your appointment in the morning.

Appointed 1/8/79 to Historic District Study Committee:

Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir	1982
James P. Glidden	1982
Kenneth G. Fowle	1982
Ronald K. Shaw	1982
Armen DerHohannesian	1981
Clinton Foster Goodwin	1981
Joseph Abate	1980

Eileen Sheehan

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY

Barbara A. Zelisko

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Carl J. Walden

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mildred Harrington

~~Arthur R. Cloyd~~

Michael J. McLaughlin

Term expires 1980

1979

1978

TOWN COUNSEL

Ashod N. Amirian

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Madeleine A. Lay

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

Donald J. Montigny

SERGEANT

Alfred Nichols

CLERK — DISPATCHER — MATRON

~~Barbara L. Dirago~~

ROSEANNE M. RYERSON

PERMANENT FULL TIME PATROLMEN

James A. Flynn, Jr.

Richard D. Smith

Roland L. Spinney

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Glen D. Belinsky res'd 1/31/78

Edward A. Cardone, Jr.

Richard G. Noone

Raymond J. Bastarache

Daniel L. Brodie

Brian W. Peavey

David N. Sharkey

Edward Syvinski

Wayne D. Bickford

Arthur D. Evans

Jeffrey O. Frost

Marilyn Darbe

POLICE DISPATCHERS

Alfred Burns

Emily Woodbury

PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS

Virginia Coppa

Orrietta Stewart

Linda A. Seymour

CROSSING GUARDS

Virginia R. Burns

Margaret M. Gynan

Joyce E. Nevins

Lottie Gouthier

Leslie J. Walker

Linda A. Seymour (Matron)

HONORARY POLICE CHIEFS

Alexander M. Sullivan

Maurice Carey

HONORARY POLICE OFFICERS

Fred A. Smith

Thomas Chaff

George R. Buzzell

Frank Danforth

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Harold J. Hume

Wallace P. Spencer

Richard J. Powers, Chief

David Stewart res'd 5/31/77

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Richard J. Powers

GAS INSPECTOR

Richard Pearson

WIRING INSPECTOR

Roy E. Keiser

BUILDING INSPECTOR

~~Robert S. Michel~~

resigned 9/1/78
Arthur Deplisea appointed

DOG OFFICER — INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William F. Roberts

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

John Gilchrist

FENCE VIEWER

Walter Perkins

HEALTH NURSE

Charlotte E. Stepanian

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gaetano T. Caruso

INSPECTOR OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

^{M.}
JOHN MANEY

~~Frederick Key~~

INSPECTOR OF MILK

George L. Pittman

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

George T. MacGown

VETERANS' SERVICE AND GRAVE OFFICER
VETERANS' AGENT AND BURIAL AGENT

Harrison DeLong

BROX BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Forrest L. Bishop, Chairman
Everett L. Cossar, Clerk
George P. Stevens
Raymond Bastarache

Richard Herbert
Ronald Shaw
Richard J. Powers
Donald J. Montigny

SWORN WEIGHERS

George A. Waterhouse
Robert Stevenson

Ralph L. Buzzell
John Caesar

David W. Stewart

TOWN HALL JANITOR

Madeleine A. Lay

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nathan Tufts, Ch	Term expires 1978
Ronald Shaw	1978
Robert Hanks	1978
Parker McLaren	1980
Henry D. Lay	1979
Walter Perkins	1979
Robert Topitzer	1979

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Nathan Tufts, Jr. Ellsworth D. Commins, Jr.
Nancy Perkins, Ch. res'd 5/2/77
Carrie Edwards res'd 9/26/77
Merrill B. Smith, Sr. res'd 5/2/77

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Wallace Blanchard	Frank Sowick
Beverly Allen	John Gilchrist
Karen Zacharis	

SELECTMEN'S DESIGNEE — MVPC MERRIMACK VALLEY TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Carolyn V. Edwards res'd 9/26/77

MVPC REPRESENTATIVE TO 208 POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nathan Tufts, Jr.

MERRIMACK HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Evelyn Calnan	Dorothy Condon
Dr. Frederick Sweetsir	Charlotte McCarron
Jeffrey Hoyt	Harold Waterhouse
Kenneth G. Fowle	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Charlotte E. Stepanina, Ch.	Term expires 1978 3 yrs
Evelyn B. Morrill	1978 2 yrs
Carole Sokolowski	1978 2 yrs
Carey Reynolds	1978 1 yr
Inez Lund — <i>resigned as director 9/17/78</i>	1979 3 yrs
Corrado Pirrotta	1979 2 yrs
Evelyn Greeley	1979 2 yrs
Lillian Hatch	1979 2 yrs
Karen Zacharis	1980 3 yrs
Rosalind Smedberg	1979 2 yrs
William Whiting res'd 7/77	

ESSEX COUNTY HISTORIC & SCENIC PLANNING COMMISSION

Cyndi E. Creech

VOTE FOR OFFICERS ANNUAL ELECTION

May 9, 1977

MODERATOR

H. Parker McLaren	477
Blanks	67

TOWN CLERK

Dorothy A. Cloyd	482
Blanks	62

SELECTMAN, for three years

George P. Stevens	460
Blanks	84

TOWN TREASURER, for one year

Geraldine A. Wallace	429
Blanks	115

ASSESSOR, for three years

Edmond L. Hamel	457
Blanks	87

PLANNING BOARD, for five years

Douglas E. McAllister	305
Frank C. Casazza	174
Blanks	65

PLANNING BOARD, for four years to fill vacancy

Richard A. Waterhouse	416
Blanks	121

PLANNING BOARD, for two years to fill vacancy

Frank C. Casazza	3
Harold R. Parker	2
Blanks	534

CONSTABLE, for three years (3)

Brian W. Peavey	420
Jeffrey O. Frost	323
Alfred Nichols	265

BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years (1)

Arthur W Hoyt	455
Blanks	89

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years (2)

John Roderick Walsh	349
Charles H. Goldstein	260
Susan M. Coburn	242
Blanks	237

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years (2)	
Jeffrey W. Hoyt	402
E. Elizabeth Pittman	362
Blanks	324
PLAYGROUND COMMISSION, for five years	
Robert D. Randall	465
Blanks	79
SURVEYORS OF LUMBER & MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK, for one year (3)	
Wallace P. Spencer	420
Edgar D. Sargent	375
Robert R. Sargent	345
Blanks	492
TRUSTEE OF KIMBALL PARK, for three years	
Charlie O. Haynes	308
Allen T. Wilson	167
Blanks	69
LIGHT COMMISSIONER, for three years	
Wayne W. Brooks	272
Wilbur E. Wallace	250
Blanks	22
WATER COMMISSIONER, for three years	
Wayne W. Brooks	268
Wilbur E. Wallace	255
Blanks	21
CEMETERY TRUSTEE, for three years	
Merrill B. Smith, Sr.	362
Gordon A. Rines	151
Blanks	31
MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY, for five years	
George E. Lucy, Sr.	333
Evelyn B. Morrill	148
Blanks	63
SEWER COMMISSIONER, for one year	
Clifton E. Bixby	421
Blanks	122
SEWER COMMISSIONER, for two years	
Thomas A. Sayers	417
Blanks	126
SEWER COMMISSIONER, for three years (1)	
William Raper, Jr.	243
Thomas R. Jordan	221
Blanks	80

JURY LIST

The following jury list for the year beginning July 1, 1977 has been prepared by the Board of Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4, of the General Laws and adopted June 6, 1977:

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
BAILEY, Bernard A.,	32 Summer Street	Prod. Line Foreman
BEDROSIAN, Gail,	56 East Main Street	Secretary
BLANCHETTE, Ernest F.,	55 Birch Meadow Road	Bolta Mfg.
BYRA, Kenneth J.,	7 Sunset Terrace	Unemployed
CHEVALIER, Maurice S.,	15 Pleasant	Foreman
CLARK, Alva W.,	112 River Road	Western Elec.
COURTNEY, Elizabeth M.,	12B Church Street	Western Elec.
CRYAN, John,	102 River Road	Real Estate
DANIELS, Harold M.,	30 Winter Street	Retired
DELONG, Richard V.,	88 Birch Meadow	Bank
DELLECHIAIE, Antonio,	9 Harriman Road	Mfg. Engineer
DENAULT, Lillian M.,	8 Vendome Street	Western Elec.
DROLET, Philip E.,	35 Hadley Road	Lineman
DURANT, Lucy M.,	28 Woodland Street	Office
EMERY, Ruth H.,	85 Church Street	Secretary
FELSMAN, Alberta F.,	3 Nichols Street	Western Elec.
FLAMMIA, Michael,	Lanes Ten Acres	Extruder
FLEMING, Francis,	6 Birch Meadow	Computer Prog.
FLINT, Selina B.,	Huse Road	Unemployed
FOSS, Frances E.,	7 West Main	Library
FREEMAN, Ralph C.,	10 Emery Street	Western Elec.
GAGNE, Robert A.,	65 East Main	Western Elec.
GRANT, Frederick W.,	20 Pleasant Street	Western Elec.
GARDREL, Linda J.,	10 Judkins Ct	Pharmacist
GIBBS, Kenneth E.,	8 Prospect Hill	Truck Driver
HANDERSON, Gretchen,	88 East Main	IRS
HEALEY, Daniel P., Sr.,	6 Middle Road	Chem. Eng.
ISABELLE, Patricia,	52 West Main	Clerk
JENKINS, Ralph C.,	87 West Main	Supervisor
JEWETT, Ronald A.,	9 Glenn Road	Western Elec.
LABBE, Robert J.,	9 Central Street	Bailey Co.
LAVIN, Ada C.,	107 East Main	Tester
MASSEY, Beverly A.,	2 Heath Road	Dept. Mgr.
MCALLISTER, Douglas E.,	2 Abbott Street	Computer Prog.
MICHAUD, Roland V.,	34 Emery Street	Machinist
MOUGHAN, Sophia F.,	50 Middle Road	Clerk
MUNDY, James D.,	11 Glenn Road	Supervisor
PACKARD, Hazel E.,	21 Prospect Street	At Home
PARHAM, Lewis G.,	15 Hadley Road	Tester
RANDALL, Mary Ann,	5 Adams Street	Library Aide

SCHMIDT, Jean C., 107 East Main	Western Elec.
SEVIGNY, Raymond A., 28 Locust Street	Western Elec.
SIELICKI, Victoria, 26 Birch Meadow	Western Elec.
SLYE, Muriel L., 17 Bartlett Street	Western Elec.
VARNEY, George D., 80 West Main	Night Super.
WOLFENDALE, Clifford H., 74 River Road	Telephone Install.
ZELISKO, Linda M., 56 East Main	Med. Trans.

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency Fire Alarm Telephone Number 346-8112

Emergency Phone 6-8111 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason the line is out of order, please dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

IN ALL CASES GIVE YOUR NAME AND EXACT LOCATION OF FIRE

- 3-3 Chief's Call
- 4 FIRE STATION
- 5 Merrimac Square
- 12 Locust Street, corner of Green Street
- 13 Main Street, opposite Forest Street
- 14 Main Street, near residence of Carl Olson
- 15 Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line
- 16 Woodland and Grove Street
- 17 School and Pleasant Streets
- 18 School and Mill Streets
- 21 East Main Street, opposite Skip's Snack Bar
- 23 56 East Main Street
- 24 Church Street, opposite Maple Street
- 25 Church and Mechanic Streets
- 26 Summer and Prospect Streets
- 27 Church Street, near residence of Richard Powers
- 28 Sawyer and Nichols Streets
- 31 Pleasant Street, Merrimacport
- 32 Merrimac Street, near Middle Road
- 34 Merrimac Street, Merrimacport
- 35 22 High St., Merrimacport
- 36 Merrimac and Broad Streets, Merrimacport
- 41 Lower East Main Street, Lake Attitash entrance
- 42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Avenue
- 43 Emery Street at Burnside
- 51 Locust and Walnut Streets
- 52 Lower Locust Street, to Merrimac-Haverhill line
- 62 Birch Meadow Rd. and Hadley District - Telephone-No Box
- 71 Bear Hill Rd., to Newton, N.H. line - Telephone-No Box
- 72 West Shore, Lake Attitash - Telephone-No Box
- 74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash - Telephone-No Box
- 112 Nativity Church, Green Street
- 132 Helen R. Donaghue School - Union Street
- 133 Teloka - Union Street
- 142 Northeast National Bank
- 171 Housing for Elderly - Middle Street
- 227 Harriman and Highland Roads
- 271 Red Oak School
- 272 Harriman Road
- 516 Oak Circle - Telephone-No Box

- 524 Second and Cross Streets, Amesbury - Telephone-No Box
- 2 Recall - All Out - Also All Clear Air Raid
- 2 10 times - Disaster Call Civil Defense

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7:00 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11 - 11 - 11 - NO SCHOOL ALL DAY

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac.
Honorable Board of Selectmen.

This was a year of many changes for the Merrimac Fire Department. The year started with the Retirement of Deputy Chief David Stewart Sr., who served the Town with dedication for over 35 years as a Fireman, Officer, and Member of the Board of Fire Engineers. Wallace Spencer was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Fire Engineers, the present Board consisting of Richard Powers-Chief, Harold J. Hume-Deputy Chief, and Wallace Spencer-Deputy Chief.

Our total number of alarms have almost tripled over the past year and a half.

Fire Calls	163
Medical Calls	78
Assistance Rendered other Towns	8
Assistance Received from other Towns	5

Our Rescue Truck was put into full service over this past year, complete with (9) firemen who have been Certified as National Emergency Medical Technicians. Their hours of training and responding to calls have been endless. This coming year will see an additional (7) more men added to the Medical Team. Every Member of the Fire Department has completed a First Responders Course over the past year, which certifies them in First Aid and C.P.R.

Fire Department Headquarters is nearly completed, and the building of a Forestry Truck has been completed, thanks to the many hours of labor given by the Firemen.

The month of July provided a much needed relief, as our new pumper arrived in Town. The new truck was put through an underwriters test, and placed into service within two weeks, thus providing the Town with two first class pumpers.

The Fire Department and the Civil Defense combined their resources during the Summer months to form a Snowmobile Rescue Team. This team

was called into service during the first Winters storm, and again during the Blizzard of 78, the members put in 72 straight hours of service during the blizzard, until the State of Emergency had passed.

The Board of Fire Engineers wish to thank the Citizens of the Town for their much needed support during the past year, and to thank all of the people who have supported the Sunday Morning Breakfast put on by the Firemen.

We also wish to extend our thanks to the Men of our Department who have given endless hours of labor, effort, and dedication, to make our Department one of the finest, we are Proud and Honored to serve with these men.

Board of Fire Engineers,
RICHARD J. POWERS, Chief
HAROLD J. HUME, Deputy Chief
WALLACE P. SPENCER, Deputy

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Calendar year 1977 has been the source of much hard work and satisfaction for the Board of Selectmen.

During the year, negotiations with two municipal employees unions were successfully completed, giving our employees a much-deserved pay raise, at a minimum impact on the tax rate.

The town successfully competed for nearly \$200,000 in federal grant monies for community improvement projects which will help repair low income housing, and provide increased recreational opportunities for all Merrimac residents.

Through the town's participation in the federal grant application process, it has become clear to the board that small communities are at a serious disadvantage when competing against cities for federal funds.

Larger cities are financially able to employ full time professional planning consultants who develop plans for projects which are then kept ready until the appropriate grant program appears.

Through their relative inability to afford such expertise, officials of smaller communities find themselves in the position of having to search for

appropriate projects, often against application deadlines which severely limit the participation of the communities in the grant program.

In order that the Town of Merrimac not be deprived of a much needed source of revenue, the board has this year employed a professional planning consultant on a contingency basis, and found the arrangement to be a viable solution.

The efforts of Paul Wiers Associates, of Hull, Mass., has brought the Town \$104,000 of federal funds for a low and moderate income home repair loan guarantee program which will help improve the housing stock of the community.

Another Wiers effort has gained the town a \$90,000 CETA grant for the construction of a soccer field and recreational area, which will broaden recreational facilities and opportunities for the townspeople.

Plans for the waste water treatment plant are proceeding under the sponsorship of the Board of Sewer Commissioners, who have employed the engineering firm of Curran Associates to complete the design work.

The board has avoided committing the town to any long range plans for solid waste disposal because of the considerable uncertainty of the cost of participation in a regional solid waste recovery center.

With the possibility of waste disposal plants in Haverhill, Amesbury, and nearby Rockingham County in New Hampshire, the board has opted to wait to see which plants, if and when they are built, will offer the lowest cost per ton to Merrimac residents.

Proponents of the Andover plant are willing to give a price per ton "at the plant" which excludes the cost of transportation of the refuse, and the cost of closing the present landfill and construction of a transfer station where the refuse will be deposited by Merrimac residents.

The board would like to remind Merrimac residents that our meetings are conducted every Monday night in the Selectmen's Office in the Town Hall.

The meetings begin at 7:30, and are open to the public.

The board would like to recognize the members of the Fire Department whose unselfish efforts have brought the Town a new Forestry unit, which was completely rebuilt and reconditioned, at no cost to the Town.

The Selectmen look forward to another year which hopefully will continue to provide us with satisfaction and successes which are of benefit to the town.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE
GEORGE P. STEVENS
NANCY C. MacGREGOR
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

March 29, 1978

To the Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit my first report as Town Treasurer, first expressing my thanks to Mr. Roy Journeay for his invaluable help to me in the changeover of this office. I would also thank the Tax Collector's office, Town Accountant, and various departments for their co-operation and assistance.

PROOF OF BALANCE

Cash Book Balance - January 1, 1977	\$ 620,207.71
Receipts - 1977	<u>3,459,120.46</u>
	\$4,079,328.17
Disbursements - 1977	\$3,540,425.23
Cash Book Balance - December 31, 1977	<u>538,902.94</u>
	\$4,079,328.17
Special Cash - Revenue Sharing	
Balance - January 1, 1977	\$105,127.37
Receipts - 1977	<u>140,615.42</u>
	\$245,742.79
Disbursements - 1977	\$132,985.58
Balance - December 31, 1977	<u>112,757.21</u>
	\$245,742.79
Special Cash - Anti Recession	
Balance - January 1, 1977	\$ 8,072.00
Receipts - 1977	<u>69,782.72</u>
	\$77,854.72
Disbursements - 1977	\$10,227.61
Balance - December 31, 1977	<u>67,627.11</u>
	\$77,854.72

Interest received in 1977 through investment of General Cash, Revenue Sharing, and Anti-Recession Funds was \$18,415.38.

There were 3273 checks issued manually for bills owed by the town. The total payroll was \$1,045,737.42, with 311 persons receiving pay at some time during 1977.

Respectfully submitted,
GERALDINE A. WALLACE
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I hereby submit the following report of the Accountant's Department, first expressing my appreciation for the cooperation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all other Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system. I would especially like to thank the State Bureau of Accounts, for the information and advice extended to me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL J. WALDEN
Town Accountant
Merrimac, Mass.

RECONCILIATION OF CASH
FISCAL YEAR 1977

CASH BALANCE - July 1, 1976		646,429.56
RECEIPTS - July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977		
1. Taxes		
a. Property	1,237,641.83	
b. Tax Title Redemptions	7,766.61	
c. Farm Animal Excise	489.22	
d. In lieu taxes-Vets' Abatements	4,724.87	
e. State Local Aid	33,247.76	
f. State Sales Tax and School Fund	<u>35,138.00</u>	1,319,008.23
2. Licenses and Permits		
a. Alcoholic Beverages	3,550.00	
b. All other	<u>4,474.25</u>	8,024.25
3. Fines and Forfeits		
a. Court		1,295.00
4. Grants and Gifts		
a. From Federal Government	45,000.00	
b. From State-School	585,220.02	
c. From State-Other	57,260.11	
d. From County-Dog Fund	133.53	
e. From Individuals	<u>725.00</u>	688,338.66
5. All Other General Revenue		
a. Sale of Tax Possession Property	2,900.00	
b. Tailings, Cancelled Checks, etc.	61,375.66	
c. All other	<u>150.00</u>	64,425.66
6. Special Assessments		
a. Water Liens		3,563.70
7. Privileges		
a. Motor Vehicle Excise	178,314.13	
b. Trailer Park Fees	<u>10,578.00</u>	188,892.13

8.	Departmental		
a.	General Government	1,064.30	
b.	Public Safety	21,964.25	
c.	Health, Sanitation and Hospitals	176.00	
d.	Highways	12,090.49	
e.	Veterans' Services	2,778.30	
f.	Schools	25,397.56	
g.	Libraries	433.80	
h.	Recreation	848.59	
i.	Unclassified	<u>1,588.97</u>	66,342.26
9.	Public Service Enterprises		
a.	Light Department	574,010.17	
b.	Water Department	<u>109,397.16</u>	683,407.33
10.	Cemeteries		
a.	Sale of Lots	1,397.50	
b.	Miscellaneous	<u>4,922.60</u>	6,320.10
11.	Interest		
a.	On Deposits	16,819.34	
b.	On Taxes and Assessments	7,247.87	
c.	On Motor Vehicle Excise	650.85	
d.	On Library Trust Funds	1,807.21	
e.	On Cemetery Trust Funds	7,533.52	
f.	Other	<u>2,625.05</u>	36,683.84
12.	Agency, Trust, and Investment		
a.	Dog Licenses	630.75	
b.	Group Insurance	3,788.92	
c.	Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,600.00	
d.	Trust Fund Withdrawals	<u>10,893.02</u>	17,912.69
			<u>3,084,213.85</u>
	TOTAL CASH AND RECEIPTS		<u>3,730,643.41</u>

EXPENDITURES

1.	Departmental	2,264,707.39	
2.	Public Service Enterprises	620,431.82	
3.	Cemeteries	19,803.79	
4.	Interest	41,559.04	
5.	Municipal Indebtedness	129,121.00	
6.	State and County Assessments	75,468.71	
7.	Agency, Trust, and Investments	66,495.73	
8.	Refunds	<u>16,708.71</u>	3,234,296.19
	CASH BALANCE - June 30, 1977		<u>496,347.22</u>
	TOTAL, CASH AND EXPENDITURES		<u>3,730,643.41</u>

RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE SHARING CASH FISCAL YEAR 1977

	CASH BALANCE - July 1, 1976	64,701.42
	RECEIPTS - July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977	
1.	Grants and Gifts	
a.	Entitlements	119,202.00
2.	All Other General Revenue	
a.	Tailings, Cancelled Checks; etc.	255.90
3.		<u>5,698.38</u>
		<u>125,156.28</u>

TOTAL, CASH AND RECEIPTS	189,857.70
EXPENDITURES	
1. Departmental	35,815.41
CASH BALANCE June 30, 1977	<u>154,042.29</u>
TOTAL, CASH AND EXPENDITURES	<u>189,857.70</u>

RECONCILIATION OF ANTI-RECESSION CASH	
FISCAL YEAR 1977	
CASH BALANCE - July 1, 1976	-0-
RECEIPTS - July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977	
1. Grants and Gifts	
a. Entitlements	30,356.00
2. Interest	<u>403.23</u>
	<u>30,759.23</u>
TOTAL, CASH AND RECEIPTS	<u>30,759.23</u>
EXPENDITURES	-0-
CASH BALANCE June 30, 1977	<u>30,759.23</u>
TOTAL, CASH AND EXPENDITURES	<u>30,759.23</u>

CLASSIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES - FISCAL YEAR 1977

	Balance July 1, 1976	Appropriated	Receipts Transfers In or Out (-)	Total Available	Expenditures	Balance June 30, 1977
1. Departmental						
A. General Government						
1) Moderator		12.00		12.00	12.00	
a) Salaries and Wages						
2) Selectmen						
a) Salaries		2,100.00		2,100.00	2,100.00	
b) Clerk's Salary		6,086.00		6,086.00	6,086.00	
c) Expense		1,455.00	5,000.00	6,455.00	6,441.59	13.41
3) Accountant						
a) Salary		6,249.00		6,249.00	6,249.00	
b) Expense		200.00		200.00	200.00	
4) Treasurer						
a) Salary		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
b) Clerk's Salary		600.00		600.00	600.00	
c) Expense		3,600.00		3,600.00	3,540.88	59.12
d) Bonding Town Officers		864.00		864.00	784.00	80.00
5) Tax Collector						
a) Salary		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
b) Clerk's Salary		900.00		900.00	900.00	
c) Expense		3,175.00		3,175.00	3,175.00	
6) Assessors						
a) Salaries		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
b) Clerk's Salary		6,864.00		6,864.00	6,864.00	
c) Expense		3,010.00	27.00	3,037.00	2,729.93	307.07
d) Equalization	48.28	4,000.00		4,048.28	4,039.16	9.12+
7) Finance Committee						
a) Expense		1,000.00		1,000.00	809.01	190.99
8) Town Clerk						
a) Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
b) Expense		910.00		910.00	600.97	309.03

	Balance July 1, 1976	Appropriated	Receipts, Transfers In or Out (-)	Total Available	Expenditures	Balance June 30, 1977
2) Fire Department						
a) Firemen Wages	9,300.00			9,300.00	9,300.00	
b) Engineers Wages	1,050.00			1,050.00	1,050.00	
c) Forest Fire Wardens	200.00			200.00	200.00	
d) Expense	9,286.00		2,600.00	11,886.00	11,884.48	1.52
3) Tree Warden Department						
a) Tree Warden Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	
b) Tree Warden Expense	4,047.00			4,047.00	4,047.00	
c) Dutch Elm	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	
d) Insect Pest Control	500.00			500.00	500.00	
e) New Trees	700.00			700.00	698.00	2.00
f) Stump Removal	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,498.78	1.22
4) Inspectors						
a) Fire Alarm Inspector Expense	150.00			150.00	150.00	
b) Gas Inspector Salary	416.00			416.00	416.00	
c) Gas Inspector Expense	174.00			174.00	174.00	
d) Wiring Inspector Salary	440.00			440.00	440.00	
e) Wiring Inspector Expense	79.00			79.00	79.00	
f) Building Inspector Salary	600.00			600.00	600.00	
g) Building Inspector Expense	200.00			200.00	200.00	
h) Oil Burner Inspector Salary	150.00			150.00	150.00	
i) Oil Burner Inspector Expense	50.00			50.00	50.00	
j) Plumbing Inspector Expense	360.00			360.00	360.00	
5) Dog Officer						
a) Salary	470.00			470.00	46.64	423.36
b) Expense	700.00			700.00	700.00	
6) Civil Defense						
a) Expense	350.00			652.02		652.02+
C. Health and Sanitation						
1) Health Nurse						
a) Salary	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	
b) Expense	200.00			200.00	21.12	178.88
2) Board of Health						
a) Expense	1,000.00		61.50	1061.50	320.43	741.07

	Balance July 1, 1976	Appropriated	Receipts, Transfers In or Out (-)	Total Available	Expenditures	Balance June 30, 1977
F. Veterans' Services						
1) Veterans' Service Officer						
a) Salary		1,063.00		1,063.00	1,063.00	
b) Expense		250.00		250.00	250.00	
2) Veterans' Benefits						
a) Ordinary Allowances	6,491.15	7,000.00		13,491.15	3,470.44	10,020.71+
b) Clerk's Salary		851.00		851.00	851.00	
3) Care of Veterans' Graves						
a) Expense		124.00		124.00	124.00	
4) Veterans' Service Lien Recovery						
a) State Portion			6,672.11	6,672.11	6,672.11	
G. Schools						
1) Salaries and Wages		608,271.00	-11,013.14	597,257.86	579,010.52	18,247.34
2) Other Expense		111,202.00	11,013.14	122,215.14	122,215.14	
3) Special Tuition and Transportation		23,000.00		23,000.00	9,473.49	13,526.51
4) Regular Transportation		37,470.00		37,470.00	34,500.00	2,970.00
5) Lunch Program		8,145.00		8,145.00	7,217.94	927.06
6) Vocational Transportation		800.00		800.00		800.00
7) School Lunch	8,256.31		44,882.11	53,138.42	47,442.69	5,695.73+
8) Title I, Project 77-180-037			35,138.00	35,138.00	33,609.64	1,528.36+
9) P. L. 874	236.00			236.00		236.00+
10) Reroof Donaghue School			10,620.00	10,620.00	10,620.00	
11) Pentucket Assessment		611,346.00		611,346.00	611,346.00	
12) Whittier Assessment		126,010.00		126,010.00	88,576.71	37,433.29
H. Library						
1) Wages		23,864.00		23,864.00	22,000.68	1,863.32
2) Expense		5,750.00	1,918.23	7,668.23	7,668.23	
3) Special LSCA Grants						
a) Grant I	742.97			742.97	742.97	
b) Grant II			450.00	450.00		450.00+
4) Income from Various Library Trusts (Books)	177.85		282.61	460.46	460.12	.34+

5) Income from Tom Hoyt Library Trust (Maintenance)	1,200.21	1,200.21	1,200.21	
I. Parks and Recreation				
1) Supervised Play	1,620.00	1,620.00	1,620.00	
2) Indian Head Park	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
3) Playground	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,998.45	1.55
4) Kimball Park	84.52	84.52	70.00	14.52+
5) Conservation Commission Expense	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,033.88	66.12
6) Purchase B & M Land	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,000.00	200.00+
J. Pensions and Retirement				
1) Essex County Retirement	60,034.76	120,069.52	117,562.76	2,506.76
2) State Veterans' Pension Bill	998.01	998.01	998.01	
K. Unclassified				
1) Group Health and Life Insurance	3,788.92	23,788.92	19,575.05	4,213.87
2) Ambulance Service	500.00	4,500.00	4,181.30	318.70
3) Remodel Town Offices	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,858.49	141.51+
4) Liability and Compensation Insurance	27,523.00	27,523.00	27,523.00	
5) Merrimac Valley Planning Commission	849.00	849.00	849.00	
6) Haverhill/Newburyport Mental Health Board	4,202.00	4,202.00	4,202.00	
7) Purchase Easements-Omni Realty	3.00	3.00	3.00	
8) Light in Town Buildings	15,112.00	15,112.00	15,112.00	
9) Water In Town Buildings	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	
10) Printing Town Report	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,602.60	397.40
11) Memorial Day	500.00	500.00	336.45	163.55
12) Rental of American Legion	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
13) Renovating Town Hall Auditorium	3,835.26	3,835.26	1,976.40	1,858.86+
14) Beautification Committee	900.00	900.00	900.00	
15) Growth Policy Committee	150.00	350.00	288.99	61.01+
16) Merrimac Conservation Fund Expense	1,087.33	4,627.34	772.50	4,942.17+
17) Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	—5,000.00		

	Balance July 1, 1976	Appropriated	Receipts, Transfers In or Out (-)	Total Available	Expenditures	Balance June 30, 1977
18) Reserve Fund		15,000.00	—15,000.00			
19) Prior Years' Bills Expense			1,224.50	1,224.50	1,224.50	
2. Public Service Enterprises						
A. Light and Water Commission						
1) Salaries		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
B. Light Department						
1) Salaries and Expense	82,711.36			620,883.88	559,603.27	61,280.61+
C. Water Department						
1) Manager Salary		5,450.00		5,450.00	4,454.20	995.80
2) Clerk Salary		2,875.00		2,875.00	2,870.40	4.60
3) Wages		22,250.00		22,250.00	21,194.53	1,055.47
4) Expense		25,600.00	711.59	26,311.59	26,227.18	84.41
5) Install Valve at Pumping Station	254.69			254.69	227.56	27.13
6) Water Department Truck	4,723.25			4,723.25	4,654.68	68.57+
3. Cemeteries						
A. Wages		13,300.00		13,300.00	11,902.00	1,398.00
B. Clerk		500.00		500.00	500.00	
C. Trustees		150.00		150.00	150.00	
D. Expense		2,050.00		2,050.00	2,050.00	
E. Care, Improvement, Embellishment of Cemeteries	3,523.86		1,397.50	4,921.36	3,523.86	1,397.50+
F. Care, Harry Robinson Lot	852.59		78.76	931.35	931.35	
G. Income from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trusts	5,275.83		7,454.76	12,730.59	746.58	11,984.01+
4. Interest						
A. On Maturing Debt						
1) Red Oak School		15,540.00		15,540.00	15,540.00	
2) Water Wells		20,090.00		20,090.00	20,090.00	
3) Standpipes		5,642.50		5,642.50	5,642.50	
4) School Deficiency		293.40		293.40	205.39	88.01
B. On Light Department Consumer Deposit	1,581.66		304.61	1,886.27	81.15	1,805.12+

5.	Municipal Indebtedness								
A.	Maturing Debt								
	1) Red Oak School	40,000.00				40,000.00	40,000.00		
	2) Water Wells	35,000.00				35,000.00	35,000.00		
	3) Standpipes	15,000.00				15,000.00	15,000.00		
	4) School Deficiency	39,121.00				39,121.00	39,121.00		
6.	State and County Assessments								
A.	State								
	1) Parks and Reservations	--135.56				13,035.18	12,899.62	12,215.33	684.29+
	2) Merrimac Valley Air Pollution District	--6.93				305.44	298.51	294.50	4.01+
	3) Regional Transit Authority					175.50	175.50	20.66	154.84+
	4) Motor Vehicle Excise Bills					559.80	559.80	559.80	
	5) Audit of Accounts					18.38	18.38	18.38	
B.	County								
	1) Taxes	11,424.63				45,005.78	56,430.41	62,360.04	-5,929.63+
7.	Agency, Trust, and Investment								
A.	Agency								
	1) Sales Tax collected on Water Heater Rentals	58.76				122.96	181.72	120.76	60.96+
	2) Dog Fees collected for County	382.10				630.75	1,012.85	668.10	344.75+
B.	Trusts								
	1) Cemetery Perpetual Care					2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	
	2) Light Depreciation Fund					6,577.22	6,577.22	6,577.22	
	3) Post-War Rehabilitation					81.50	81.50	81.50	
	4) School Renovation Bonds					5.74	5.74	5.74	
	5) Stabilization Fund					54,621.71	54,621.71	54,621.71	
	6) Kimball Park					296.10	296.10	296.10	
	7) A. Wadleigh Trust					188.89	188.89	188.89	
	8) T. Hoyt Trust					1,335.71	1,335.71	1,335.71	
8.	Refunds								
A.	Taxes								
	1) Real Property					7,131.99	7,131.99	7,131.99	
	2) Personal Property					110.02	110.02	110.02	
B.	Water Liens					42.00	42.00	42.00	

	Balance July 1, 1976	Appropriated	Receipts, Transfers In or Out (-)	Total Available	Expenditures	Balance June 30, 1977
C. Motor Vehicle Excise			7,654.70	7,654.70	7,654.70	
D. Light Department Consumer Deposit	3,720.00		2,400.00	6,120.00	1,770.00	4,350.00+
9. Other Unappropriated or Inactive Accounts (Unclassified)						
A. Tailings	230.90			230.90		230.90+
B. Painting Town Hall Exterior	2,400.00			2,400.00		2,400.00+
C. Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes		7,000.00		7,000.00		7,000.00
D. Repairs to Tax Title Property		50.00		50.00		50.00
E. Writing Town History	11,456.85			11,456.85		11,456.85+
F. Historical Commission Expense	2,188.07			2,188.07		2,188.07+
G. Brox Building Committee	300.00			300.00		300.00+
H. Town Government Committee	100.00			100.00		100.00+
I. Department of Public Works Committee	100.00			100.00		100.00+
J. Industrial Development Committee	1,219.15			1,219.15		1,219.15+
K. Flushing Water Mains	542.60			542.60		542.60+
+ UNEXPENDED BALANCE CARRIED INTO NEXT FISCAL YEAR — ALL OTHER BALANCES TRANSFERRED TO SURPLUS REVENUE.						
TOTALS, JUNE 30, 1977	196,598.62	2,365,971.77	1,081,861.93	3,644,432.32	3,234,296.19	410,136.13

CLASSIFICATION OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1977						
	Balance July 1, 1976	Appropriated	Receipts, Transfers In or Out (-)	Total Available	Expenditures	Balance June 30, 1977
1. Departmental						
A. General Government						
1) Treasurer's Equipment			1,000.00	1,000.00	764.83	235.17
2) Planning Board						
a) Update Master Plan	1,613.00			1,613.00	1,613.00	

3) Town Hall					
a) Heat		400.00	400.00	267.17	132.83
b) Remodel Town Hall Offices		1,375.85	1,375.85	1,340.39	35.46
4) Brox Building Renovation	3,445.54	2,255.90	5,701.44	2,997.18	2,704.26
B. Public Safety					
1) Police Department					
a) Specials		5,760.00	5,760.00	5,760.00	
b) Police Communications System	1,143.52	-1,143.52			
c) Police Cruiser	4,900.00	-6.10	4,893.90	4,893.90	
d) Police Department Equipment	1,000.00	-45	999.55	999.55	
2) Dog Officer Salary		800.00	800.00	800.00	
3) Council for the Aging	9,857.71	10,462.00	20,319.71	9,803.63	10,516.08
C. Highways					
1) New Dump Truck	1,851.85	-1,851.85			
2) Street Lighting		748.02	748.02	748.02	
D. Schools-Bus Stop Signs		735.00	735.00	735.00	
E. Parks and Recreation					
1) Playground		1,489.21	1,489.21	1,489.21	
F. Unclassified					
1) Ambulance Service		6,100.00	6,100.00	1,842.30	4,257.70
2) Collective Bargaining					
Negotiator's Expense		3,000.00	3,000.00	1,418.47	1,581.53
3) Water in Town Buildings		42.76	42.76	42.76	
4) Printing Town By-Laws		300.00	300.00	300.00	
2. Other Inactive Accounts (Unclassified)					
A. Police Electric Meter		500.00	500.00		500.00
B. Fire Department Truck	40,000.00	19,000.00	59,000.00		59,000.00
C. Dump Maintenance					
1) Dump Salary		611.80	611.80		611.80
2) Wages		3,328.00	3,328.00		3,328.00
3) Overtime		1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
4) Expense		10,672.00	10,672.00		10,672.00
D. Harriman Road Damage		7,000.00	7,000.00		7,000.00
E. Haverhill/Newburyport Mental Health Board					
4,202.00		4,202.00			4,202.00
F. Engineering and Consultant Fees		3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
TOTALS, JUNE 30, 1977	63,811.62	80,780.62	144,592.24	35,815.41	108,776.83

CLASSIFICATION OF FEDERAL ANTI-RECESSION FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1977

	Balance July 1, 1976	Appropriated	Receipts, Transfers In or Out (-)	Total Available	Expenditures	Balance June 30, 1977
1. Inactive Accounts (Unclassified)						
A. Police Specials			12,230.40	12,230.40		12,230.40
B. Civil Defense Expense			350.00	350.00		350.00
C. Dump Maintenance Salary			6,089.60	6,089.60		6,089.60
TOTALS, JUNE 30, 1977			18,670.00	18,670.00		18,670.00

TRUST FUNDS
RECEIPTS, TRANSFERS, AND WITHDRAWALS

FISCAL YEAR 1977

	Balance July 1, 1976	Added	Withdrawn	Balance June 30, 1977
TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF TREASURER				
1. Various Library Book Trusts	3,900.00			3,900.00
2. Thomas Hoyt Library Trust	17,016.35	1,335.51	1,200.21	17,151.65
3. Albert Wadleigh Library Trust	2,578.86	188.89		2,767.75
4. Kimball Park Trusts	5,531.19	296.10		5,827.29
5. Cemetery Perpetual Care Trusts	96,520.62			
a. Hannan		200.00		
b. Nicklas, McCarron, & AIRELLA		400.00		
c. McLaren		400.00		
d. Pirotta		150.00		
e. Evans		150.00		
f. McMahon		150.00		
g. Robinson		150.00		
h. Oxley		50.00		

i. Smith	200.00			99,120.62
j. Kierstead	200.00			1,500.00
k. Fuller	200.00			1,603.98
l. Gamelin	150.00			68,972.96
m. Taylor	150.00			113.66
n. Walton	50.00			
		2,600.00		
6. Harry J. Robinson Cemetery Trust		1,500.00		
7. Post-War Rehabilitation		1,522.48	81.50	
8. Stabilization Fund		22,351.25	54,621.71	8,000.00
9. Purchase School Renovation Bonds		107.92	5.74	
TOTALS		151,028.67	59,129.45	200,957.91

REPORT OF INDEBTEDNESS
FISCAL YEAR 1977

	Balance July 1, 1976	New Loans	Expended	Balance June 30, 1977
Red Oak School	390,000.00		40,000.00	350,000.00
Water Wells	410,000.00		35,000.00	375,000.00
Standpipes	100,000.00		15,000.00	85,000.00
School Decree	39,121.00		39,121.00	—
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	939,121.00		129,121.00	810,000.00

TOWN OF MERRIMAC
 FINAL TRIAL BALANCE
 June 30, 1977

ACCOUNTS	DEBITS	CREDITS
Cash	496,347.22	
Special Cash Revenue Sharing-Title I	154,042.29	
Sp. Cash Anti-Recession-Title II	30,759.23	
Cash Light Depreciation	133,025.49	
Petty Cash Advance	485.00	
Tailings		230.90
Taxes:		
Personal-1977	946.60	
Personal-1976	792.43	
Personal-1975	1,154.82	
Personal-1974	510.25	
Personal-1973-74	517.28	
Real-1977	88,965.52	
Real-1976	24,118.73	
Real-1975		
Real-1974		
Real-1973		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excises:		
1977		47,388.56
1976		14,287.26
1975		9,382.75
1974		2,923.40
1973		1,889.52
1972		224.40
1971		164.44
1970		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Revenue		76,260.33
	117,005.63	76,260.33

Farm Animal Excise:			
1976	90.13		
1975			
1974			
1973			
Farm Animal Excise Revenue			90.13
Overlay 1977	3,030.71		
Overlay 1976	1,935.02		
Overlay 1975			1,154.82
Overlay 1974			483.18
Overlay 1972			
Overlay Surplus	522.86		9,896.40
Tax Titles			
Tax Possessions	7,135.73		
Taxes in Litigation	5,148.03		
Tax Title Revenue	3,853.89		12,283.76
Special Tax Revenue			3,853.89
Departmental Accounts Receivable			
Departmental Revenue	563.77		563.77
Light Department			
Accounts Receivable:			
Light		11,681.92	
General Services		7,219.65	
Miscellaneous		1,773.80	
Light Department Revenue	20,675.37		20,675.37
Water Department			
Accounts Receivable:			
Rates		10,092.56	
Miscellaneous		496.52	
Meter Rental		46.00	
Liens-1977		608.65	
Liens-1976		1,996.49	
Water Department Revenue	13,240.22		13,240.22

ACCOUNTS	DEBITS	CREDITS
Federal Aid To Public Works Accounts Receivable:		
Fed. Aid to Public Works Revenue	9,788.00	
Aid to Highway Accounts Receivable:		9,788.00
State		
State and County Aid to Highway Revenue	22,378.37	
State and County Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations		684.29
Merrimack Valley Air Pollution Dist.		4.01
County Taxes	5,929.63	
Regional Transit Authority		154.84
Consumer Deposit		4,350.00
Sales Tax		60.96
Water Meter Fund		8.00
Dog Fees		344.75
Library Trusts Expense Account		.34
Cemetery Trusts Expense Account		11,984.01
School Lunch		5,695.73
Sale of Cemetery Lots		297.50
Loans Authorized		
Loans Authorized but Unissued	317,000.00	
Appropriations, General 1977 & Non-Rev.		317,000.00
Appropriations, Revenue Sharing:		287,097.75
Treasurers Equip.		235.17
Fire Department Truck		59,000.00
Council for the Aging		10,516.08
Brox Building Renovation		2,704.26
Heat Town Hall		132.83
Police Electric Meter		500.00

Harriman Road Drainage	7,000.00		
Ambulance Service	4,257.70		
Remodeling Town Hall	35.46		
Consultant & Engineering Fees	3,000.00		
Negotiator Expense	1,581.53		108,776.83
Haverhill/Newburyport Mental Health	4,202.00		45,265.46
Unappropriated Revenue Sharing			
Appropriations, Anti-Recession Funds			
Police Specials	12,230.40		
Civil Defense	350.00		18,670.00
Dump Salary	6,089.60		12,089.23
Unappropriated Anti-Recession Funds			
2 Revenue, 1978		2,235,000.67	
Appropriation Control, 1978			2,333,247.79
1 Surplus Revenue			204,076.47
Light Depreciation Fund			133,025.49
Reserve for Petty Cash			485.00
Net Funded and Fixed Debt		810,000.00	
Red Oak School	350,000.00		
Water Wells	375,000.00		
Standpipes	85,000.00		810,000.00
Trust Funds in Custody of Treasurer		200,957.91	
Detailed Trust Funds:			
Various Library Trusts	3,900.00		
Thomas Hoyt Library Fund	17,151.65		
Wadleigh Library Trust	2,767.75		
Kimball Park Trusts	5,827.29		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	99,120.62		
Cemetery Trusts	1,500.00		
Post-War Rehabilitation	1,603.98		
Stabilization Fund	68,972.96		
Purchase Bonds for School Renovation	113.66		200,957.91
		<u>\$4,665,175.50</u>	<u>\$4,665,175.50</u>

FOOTNOTES

- 1) All appropriations from "Free Cash", including \$74,000.00 to reduce the Fiscal 1978 tax rate, have been recorded and are included in June 30, 1977 balances.
- 2) Appropriation for Snow & Ice Removal, Fiscal 1976 \$32,500.00
Appropriation for Snow & Ice Removal, Fiscal 1977 \$35,000.00

Prepared by:
CARL J. WALDEN
Town Accountant
Merrimac, Mass. 01860

MERRIMAC MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
OPERATIONS REPORT

January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

REVENUE: SALE OF ELECTRICITY

Residential	449,952.36
General Service	128,991.56
Street Lighting	14,878.02
Town Buildings	18,410.37
Outdoor Lighting	6,958.95

OTHER REVENUE:

Forfeited Discounts	12,949.00
Rentals	2,514.00
Interest	7,452.43

TOTAL REVENUE

642,106.69

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Purchased Power	442,428.38
Distribution Operations	19,445.62
Distribution Maintenance	22,222.91
Meter Reading	3,600.64
Collections and Records	21,576.82
Administrative Salaries	13,411.11
Office Supplies and Expenses	2,432.74
Outside Services	4,323.40
Property Insurance	1,347.00
Injury and Damage	1,855.25
Transportation Expense	8,325.23
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,272.40
Rents	368.00
Miscellaneous General Expenses	2,400.98
Training and Safety	543.52
Depreciation	20,801.10
Interest (Customer Deposits)	65.25

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

567,420.35

NET INCOME

74,686.34

PAID TO TOWN IN LIEU OF TAXES 35,000.00

MERRIMAC MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1977

ASSETS:

Plant at Cost 709,803.55

Accumulated Depreciation	277,826.70	
Depreciated Value of Plant		431,976.85
Cash for Operations		61,901.32
Capital Improvements Fund		147,068.92
Special Deposits		4,520.00
Accounts Receivable		22,922.80
Materials and Supplies		18,646.66
Miscellaneous Assets		248.49
TOTAL ASSETS		687,285.04
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		43,982.69
Customer Deposits		4,520.00
Construction Contributions		1,595.64
Miscellaneous Liabilities		125.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES		50,223.93
NET WORTH		637,061.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		687,285.04

MERRIMAC WATER DEPARTMENT
July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

COLLECTIONS		
Water Revenues	106,869.00	
Services	2,090.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>432.00</u>	
Total Collected		109,391.00
APPROPRIATIONS: 7/1/76-6/30/77		56,175.00
Regular		
EXPENDED: 7/1/76-6/30/77		
Managers Salary	4,454.00	
Office Salary	2,870.00	
Water Crew Wages	21,195.00	
Office Supplies	1,927.00	
Fuel Purchased	1,710.00	
Power Purchased	10,118.00	
Stock	6,628.00	
Shan-No-Cor	936.00	
Transportation Expense	1,186.00	
Taxes	483.00	
Contingencies	2,663.00	

Miscellaneous Expense	100.00	
Total Expenditures		54,270.00
Unexpended Balance 6/30/77		2,140.00
SPECIAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		
Appropriation - Install Valves		
Balance 7/1/76		254.69
Expended		<u>227.56</u>
Balance 6/30/77		27.13
Transferred to General Fund		
Appropriation - Flushing Mains		
Balance 7/1/76		542.60
Expended		<u>0</u>
Balance 6/30/77		542.60
Appropriation - New Truck		
Balance 7/1/76		4,723.25
Expended		<u>4,654.68</u>
Balanced Transferred to		68.57
Water Meter Fund		

ANNUAL REPORT MERRIMAC COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging after much planning and preparation finally during 1977 moved from its one room office on Church Street to the newly renovated former Fire Station on School Street on September 26, 1977. This restored town building resulted from funds obtained through Federal Title V and State Elder Affairs and Bicentennial Grants. The new Senior Center has now enabled the council to further expand its program to provide more educational and social activities for the community's senior citizens.

Mrs. Inez Lund continues as director of the council's program. The elected officers for the 1977-78 year are as follows:

Chairman -- Charlotte Stepanian
Vice Chairman -- Corrado Pirrotta
Secretary -- Carol Sokolowski
Treasurer -- Evelyn Greeley

At a special town meeting on October 3, 1977, the council sponsored an article to obtain \$2,200 in Revenue Sharing Funds as matching funds in order to obtain additional Title V funds to complete the exterior of the Senior Center during 1978. This article was approved on that date.

Respectfully submitted
CHARLOTTE E. STEPANIAN
Chairman

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

March 18, 1978

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, MA 01860

Submitted herewith is my annual report for the year 1977-78.

As Veterans' Service Officer the accomplishments have been many as follows: Securing compensation, pensions, hospitalization, outpatient treatment, additional pension for the house-bound, educational benefits, G.I. loans, insurance, affidavits, medical records, annual income questionnaires, tax exemptions, burial allowances, power of attorneys, certificates of service, and many letters have been drafted and typed for veterans and their dependents. Grave markers and flags were distributed as required.

As Veterans' Agent I have taken applications for benefits, allowed justified payments, issued warrants, issued food orders, obtained authorizations and reimbursements, and maintained records. I have filed required reports with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Boston, Mass.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and other Town Departments for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRISON S. DELONG
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library submit their 1977 report, their one hundred and first annual report to the Town.

This year we acquired a new head librarian, Ms. Laura Cram. She has added a great deal to the vitality and continuing growth of activity in our library. Thanks to her lead and the cooperation of the rest of the staff, 1977 has been our most successful year.

Thanks go to our 'Friends of the Library' for donating a large number of books prior to their annual book sale, a well-utilized book return installed outside the front door, and also a stereo system for private listening in the Young Adult room.

A number of exhibits have been displayed both by Merrimac residents and organizations from Boston. We thank these exhibitors and also the donors of the many fine books given to the library.

Among the highlights of this year were the many events held at the library. Very popular were the 3 puppet shows, 11 poetry sessions, and 50

movie programs which were made available to both adults and children. The summer 'Crafts from Around the World' program attracted an overwhelming 128 registrants for ages 6 through 12. The weekly evening film program for teens and families also proved popular.

An area downstairs was set up for teens' use, with headphones for music listening, teen level books, and a table and chairs for studying, playing games and relaxing. The room is in constant use, and the teens appreciate having their own corner of the library.

The library received a small LSCA Title I federal grant for the purchase of some A-V equipment and games to be used by Merri Village, Teloca, and other residents of Merrimac. Several organizations in town have borrowed our A-V equipment for programs of their own.

An entryway was constructed complete with an inner glass door, for the purpose of conserving fuel. As the building gets older, more repairs are needed. But efforts are being made to keep all maintenance costs as low as possible.

Again, our thanks to all those who donated their time, talents and carpentry and masonry skills during this year.

STATISTICS

CIRCULATION	ADULTS	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Books & A-V	17,612	9,403	27,015
REGISTRATIONS	195	147	342
ACQUISITIONS			
Books & A-V	1,122	730	1,852
INVENTORY			
Books	10,538	3,480	14,018
A-V	424	264	686
LOANS TO:			
N. Shore Comm. C.	820	—	820
Merri Village	665	—	665
Merr. Child Care	—	454	454
Teloca	—	253	253
Schools	—	865	865
Total	1,485	1,572	3,057
LOANS FROM:			
Bookmobile	859	586	1,445
Interlibrary Loan	251	—	251
Films	23	65	88
Total	1,133	651	1,784
DEPOSITS — FINES	\$409.68	Returned to E & D Account as per law	

DONORS — 33

EXHIBITS — 25

EVENTS — number of sessions

Films	20	30	50
Storyhours	—	42	42
Class visits	—	40	40
Merr. Child. Care	—	42	42
Teloca	—	45	45
Babysitting course	—	5	5
Library club	—	6	6
Summer children's prog.	—	40	40
Special events	5	17	22
Comm. group mtgs.	6	3	9

Respectfully submitted,
Eida V. Jervy, Chairman
Eleanor Hope-McCarthy
Jeffrey Hoyt
Mary Parry
Elizabeth Pittman
Nathan Tufts, Jr.

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Merrimac Housing Authority is happy to report another year of successful operation. The Board met 10 times in regular session and 1 time in special session, and our present 48 units are fully occupied at all times.

State Legislature voted additional funds for housing for the elderly. The Authority is preparing an Application for additional housing, and are hopeful of receiving a share of these funds to enable us to construct very much needed additional units for the elderly.

At this writing, the Authority has been notified by the Department of HUD that an allocation of 10 slots of Section 8 housing has been allocated to the Merrimac Housing Authority.

The Authority wishes to thank all Town Officials for their excellent cooperation. We also thank the Council for the Aging and any other groups that work and help the elderly. The Authority cordially invites any citizens of Merrimac experiencing housing problems, and we will do our utmost to lend assistance to any qualified family or individual.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Stuart, Executive Director
William D. Vance, Chairman

Alexander M. Sullivan, Vice-Chairman
Dorothy E. Olson, Treasurer (State Rep.)
George E. Lucy, Vice-Treasurer
William H. Whiting, Member-at-Large

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac

Trustees of the cemeteries organized as follows: Harold Arbour, Chairman; Alva W. Clark, Secretary; Merrill B. Smith, Sr., Clerk.

The work at the three cemeteries proceeded as usual under the supervision of Charlie O. Haynes. One CETA worker was assigned to us for the year.

Three mowers and a leaf blower were purchased during the year to replace worn out equipment. A second hand 1974 International truck was also purchased. A new piece of hot top road was installed at Locust Grove from the top of the hill down past the tomb. We now have completed the road in and out of the Locust Grove Cemetery. A water faucet was installed at the lower part of Locust Grove for the convenience of people owning lots there.

Vandals cut the new chain link fence at Church Street in two places, one at the front and one in the back fence giving snowmobiles access through the cemetery. Damage was also done to the shrubs. Because of the deep snow we have been unable to assess any damage to tombstones.

We wish to thank the Highway Department and the Water Department for their continued co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted
HAROLD ARBOUR, Chairman
ALVA W. CLARK, Secretary
MERRILL B. SMITH, SR., Clerk

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1977/1978

During the past year the Conservation Commission worked to communicate its goals and objectives to the community, and to receive from Merrimac citizens, expressions of interest upon which to base our future programs.

Through John Benson, there was a concerted effort to bring Merrimac's natural resources to everybody's attention. John, as a CETA conservation manager, worked with the schools and produced materials aimed at a greater awareness of the Town Forest. A detailed map and Town Forest guide was printed and disseminated, including information on the new McLaren trail.

A handsome sign informing those entering the Forest was designed and posted, and John supervised a citizen's firewood cutting plan, which is being continued by Assoc. Commission member James Boynton. It will require the cooperation of everyone who wishes to participate in cordwood cutting to keep it part of good forest management.

Working with the Growth Policy Committee, the Commission set some long range goals, and then worked with the Planning Board to see that those goals were reflected in the new Master Plan. Basically, from questionnaires sent out to residents, and from the indication of Town Boards, it seems clear that Merrimac citizens do care to preserve the natural beauty and rural character of Merrimac. The Commission understands that this need not be accomplished at the sacrifice of economic and social goals, but is part of a sensible growth plan.

We took a Wetlands case to Court, something which our very small budget cannot afford, and we thank the Selectmen for their support in this instance. The result of our effort to prevent a developer from building too many houses on the edge of a swampy depression where they would inevitable create a pollution threat and increase down-stream flooding problems is still not completely resolved. We believe that because we had strong citizen support, and indicated a willingness to fight for the Wetlands Act, that both this developer, and others, will modify their plans so as to protect the environment and conform to the law.

We took title to some key land in the Town Forest, graciously donated by the old Gun Club, and took steps to prevent residential development which would threaten this wonderful park at public expense.

We do not have John Benson this year, and as always, we are looking for leadership in the form of environmentally concerned citizens who want to be appointed to the Commission. We are looking forward to having a place to hold our meetings. Our office was turned over to the Treasurer, and we badly need to be assigned new quarters by the Selectmen to keep our files and hold our monthly meetings.

The environment of Merrimac is threatened by regional and state plans. Anyone who thinks we will not be impacted unfavorably by State plans for a regional dump on the Amesbury line has not studied the history of such operations. We think the Selectmen were very wise in staying clear of the separate giant North Andover regional garbage incinerator proposal. Recycling of organic materials is the only long-term solution; inorganic waste must be recovered.

In short, with population and industry growing slowly in the Valley, protection of the environment is everyone's business, and it is an important part of the Conservation Commission's job to convince each of you that this is so.

Respectfully submitted,
NATHAN TUFTS, JR. Chairman
RONALD SHAW
WALTER PERKINS
ROBERT TOPITZER
PERKER McLAREN
H. D. LAY

REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

January 31, 1978

To the Town of Merrimac:

The Commissioners are proud to report that all original work projects for the year 1977 were completed with the exception of the tennis court area. This item of repair is considered a major project, and at present is being studied to see what the most economical way will be to repair and renovate. Mr. Bob Randall, Vice-Chairman of Indian Head Park Area, reports all swim areas were sanded, and new guide lines and floats were set in water. The old building in the area was repaired and will be used as a storage shed.

The supervised play and all recreational activities opened the second Monday in July. Mr. Bruce Christie supervised the play area, assisted by Karen Richardson, M. McLeod, and M. Twist. The Commissioners are very proud and thankful for the type of job they did. An excellent job well done! The children of all ages participated in six weeks of wholesome fun such as sports, arts, handcrafts and field trips. Here we would like to say thanks a million to the Merrimac Lion's Club for their help and support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE STEVENS, Chairman
ROBERT RANDALL, Vice-Chairman
LEON SMITH
WILLIAM BICKFORD
MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the People of Merrimac Massachusetts:

Since the May 9, 1977 election, at which time the Sewer Commissioners were elected, the following major events have transpired:

1. May 11, 1977 Sewer Commissioners sworn into office.
2. May 19, 1977 the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) held a public hearing concerning site location and acquisition for the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).
3. May 25, 1977 Mass. DEQE approved the site location and the acquisition of land and easements for the WWTP.
4. June 2, 1977 The Sewer Commission requested an extension of the time allowed under the NPDES Permit. The Time allowed under the permit to have the project completed expired July 1, 1977.
5. June 2, 1977 The Sewer Commission requested proposals from Archeological Institutions to perform archeological survey as required for the Step II.
6. July 13, 1977 The Sewer Commission, after meetings with the Mass. DEQE, the local Boards of Health and Zoning Board of Appeals, and upon recommendation of the Ad Hoc Sewer Committee, requested approval from DEQE for a procedure for on-site disposal of sludge eliminating the need to transport the sludge to Haverhill for final processing.
7. July 20, 1977 The Sewer Commission, under the provisions of the Federal Regulations, sought alternate proposals from three engineering firms for the Step II design work of the project.
8. July 22, 1977 The USEPA granted approval of the NPDES permit extension in accordance with the following schedule:
 - a. By October 1, 1977 be in the design phase (Step III)
 - b. By July 1, 1978 Complete and submit final plans, specifications, and Step III application (construction) and on approvable sewer use ordinance
 - c. By November 1, 1978 Initiate construction per approved plans
 - d. By July 1, 1980 Complete construction
 - e. By September 1, 1980 Attain operational level
9. August 2, 1977 The Mass. DEQE approved for procedure for on-site disposal of sludge.
10. August 22, 1977 The Selectmen notified the Sewer Commission that the appraisal of the proposed site for the WWTP had begun.
11. August 29, 1977 The Sewer Commission began work on revision of information to be furnished to EPA to satisfy the population density and land usage requirements of PRM 77-8 (published June 21, 1977 by EPA) Information previously had been furnished to EPA in early July by the Sewer Commission and Camp-Dresser McKee (CDM). The Board of Assessors and the Planning Board aided in this work by supplying maps and information concerning zoning laws.

12. During late August and September, the Sewer Commissioners reviewed alternate proposals for the Step II work from the engineering firms of Coffin and Richardson of Boston, Curran Associates, Inc. of Northampton, and a joint team of Merrimack Engineering Services of Andover and Anderson-Nichols of Boston. After review of their proposals and interviews with representatives of the firms, the firm of Curran Associates was selected for the Step II work.

During this review of alternate proposals, the Sewer Commissioners met with CDM on September 13, 1977 at which time CDM informed the Commission that it was their firms policy not to enter competitive bidding for municipal projects and that they would have to withdraw from contention unless the commission would call of consideration of alternate proposals. The commission felt that that course of action would be unwise and so notified CDM on September 14, 1977 by letter. CDM replied in a letter dated September 22, 1977 that they would have to withdraw.

13. October 1, 1977 Approval for a grant from the USEPA in the amount of \$219,150 was received and accepted by the Board.
14. October 3, 1977 Special Town Meeting held at which time \$40,000 was authorized by the Town to purchase land and easements necessary for the project.
15. November 8, 1977 Approval for a grant from Mass. DWPC (Division of Water Pollution Control) in the amount of \$70,000 was received and accepted by the Board.
16. November 18, 1977 The Sewer Commission representative and a representative from Curran Associates, Inc. met with the Mass. Emergency Finance Board at a public hearing in Boston to seek their approval of the project. Approval of the project was granted at that hearing.
17. November 21, 1977 The Sewer Commission entered into a contract with Curran Associates, Inc. for the Step II design work in the amount of \$311,200.00 (including the archeological survey). The March 15, 1977 Special Town Meeting had authorized \$385,000.00 for the engineering for Step II including the archeological survey.

Note: For Item 6 above, the engineering firm (CDM) would have charged a fee of up to \$5,000 and for Item 2 above, the firm would have charged approximately \$1,500. In both cases, the Sewer Commission performed the necessary work thus saving any additional charges.

Since the letting of the contract with Curran Associates, Inc., the aerial photography and associated ground control points necessary for the photogrammetry have been completed. The photogrammetry itself is expected to be completed by April 1. Also completed is the Library research for the archeological survey.

At the time this report was being written, the Sewer Commission and Curran Associates was investigating the possibility of joining the Merrimac collection system to the Amesbury system and WWTP thus eliminating the

need to build a WWTP in Merrimac. The potential saving to Merrimac in addition to not having to build a WWTP, is a lower user charge to households connected to the system. The potential advantage to Amesbury would be in allowing some joint effort in sewerage around Lake Attitash.

Of the \$2,000.00 authorized for Sewer Commission expenses, at the 1977 Town Meeting, the Commission has spent \$387.89 to date, primarily for telephone calls, stationery, postage and several trips to Boston for meetings with USEPA.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM RAPER, JR., Chairman
THOMAS SAYERS
CLIFTON BIXBY
Sewer Commissioners

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

February 14, 1978

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1977-78. The Board was organized as follows:

Edmond L. Hamel, Chairman
Edward R. Davis, Clerk
J. Duncan How, Member
Mildred D. Shelley, Secretary

On May 23, 1977 Mrs. Charlotte Soucy, C.E.T.A. assistant, was hired under the training program to assist the Assessors with the equalization program. Mr. Henry Seymour who was hired the previous year was terminated at the end of his year on August 20th, 1977. Mrs. Diane Bowley joined the staff under the C.E.T.A. work program on October 18th, 1977 and terminated herself on February 13th to take a permanent position with the Merrimac Light Department. All of these employees assisted in the field work, photography, setting up new field cards, map work and sales studies.

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated receipts of the Town, which was used in computing the Fiscal 1978 tax rate of \$89.00 for the tax period July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, based on the assessment date of January 1, 1977.

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1. Gross Amount to be Raised	\$2,827,665.92
2. Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	1,375,024.11
3. Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	1,452,641.81

4.	Real Property Valuations	\$15,802,470.00	
5.	Personal Property Valuations	519,315.00	
6.	Total Property Valuations	16,321,785.00	
7.	Tax Rate		89.00
8.	Real Property Tax	1,406,422.52	
9.	Personal Property Tax	46,219.29	
10.	Total Taxes levied on property		1,452,641.81
11.	Water Liens		3,746.29
12.	TOTAL COMMITMENTS & ASSESSMENTS		1,456,388.10
II.	LOCAL EXPENDITURES		
	Appropriations		\$2,659,704.22
	Special Education		0
	Overlay Deficit prior years		5,488.59
	Revenue Deficit (Snow-Police-Fire Alarm)		10,752.88
	Offsets from Cherry Sheet		5,921.75
	TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES		2,681,867.44
III.	STATE ASSESSMENTS (Cherry Sheet)		24,373.18
IV.	COUNTY ASSESSMENTS (Cherry Sheet)		69,741.39
V.	OVERLAY		51,683.91
VI.	GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		2,827,665.92
VII.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS		
1.	Total estimated receipts from State		624,818.49
2.	Prior years overestimates		843.14
3.	Local Estimated Receipts		313,906.05
4.	Available Funds (Includes Rev. Shar)		326,456.43
5.	Available Funds to reduce tax rate		109,000.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$1,375,024.11
	Tax Rate	\$89.00	
	General Govt.	30.84	
	School Tax	58.16	
	Valuation of Motor Vehicles (1977 Levy)		\$3,004,100.00
	Number of Motor Vehicles		3541
	Number of Dealer-Repair-Farm Plates		13
	Number of Horses		69
	Number of Cattle		155
	Other Animals (swine, goats, etc.)		15
	Number of Houses		1114
	Number of Acres (taxable)		4567
	Deeds transferred and reviewed		162
	Permits reviewed (issued 1976)		45
	All assessments reviewed		

A large tax rate increase was projected. However, the Assessors were able to minimize it to an increase of \$8.25 over last year's rate. This increase is due to local and state estimated receipts being reduced, along with larger budgets. The amount of free cash, which could have been used to reduce the rate, was greatly reduced by the transfer of \$50,000 to Stabilization and the transfer of \$140,000 to pay for sewerage system services. In addition to that, the appropriations were \$151,500 higher than last year. The rate would have increased \$14.25 per thousand because of changes in special education G.L. Ch. 383, effective July 1977 for Fiscal 1978, which forbid the Assessors to use the special education amount of \$101,000 as an offset for local expenditures. This amount was not appropriated under Article 1 at the Town Meeting, however, this amount was appropriated at a special town meeting on October 3, 1977. This will have the effect of reducing our revenue for the coming year and will adversely affect the 1978 Fiscal tax rate.

The Assessors raised \$197,315 in valuation from building permits which helped the rate from spiralling higher.

Statutory Exemptions are a large item using Assessors Overlay. Reimbursements from the State were eligible for Clause 22E, 17, 37.

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 41: (Elderly)

64 Exempt - \$254,445 Valuation

General Laws, Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 22 (Veterans, Paraplegic)

59 Exempt - \$157,330 Valuation

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 17 (Widows)

8 Exempt - \$16,000 Valuation

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 18 (Infirmary & Hardship)

3 Exempt - \$6,247 Valuation

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 37 (Blind)

3 Exempt - \$14,995 Valuation

General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 3 (Charitable)

1 Exempt - \$97,835 Valuation

The assessors have almost completed their total inventory of real estate in the town preparatory to bringing all assessments to 100% fair market value, as mandated by the state. Land valuations are now being updated and sales ratio studies are being prepared and evaluated through the use of commercial computers which will also print out notices to taxpayers, notifying them of their new assessments.

The assessors would like to point out to the taxpayers that bringing assessments up to 100% fair market value has no bearing on the total amount to be raised through taxation. The tax rate will be lowered in the same proportion as the increase in assessments.

The assessors appreciate the excellent cooperation of the Townspeople in allowing them to view their houses, which has made this difficult assignment much easier to bring to a conclusion.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel, Finance Committee and all officials of the Town for their fine cooperation extended to us during 1977. We also wish to express our appreciation to the officials at the State Property Tax Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,
EDMOND L. HAMEL, Chairman
EDWARD R. DAVIS, Clerk
J. DUNCAN HOW, MEMBER

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Health as organized for 1977 is as follows:

Robert F. Roy, Chairman
Constance A. Hoyt, Clerk
Arthur W. Hoyt, Member
Frederick Key, Sanitary Agent
Edward F. Ryan, Food Service Inspector

With regret the Board of Health accepted the resignation of Mr. Arthur W. Hoyt from the Board effective December 31, 1977. Mr. Hoyt has been a member of the Board of Health since its formation some ten years ago. The Board would like to speak for the Town, as well as itself, in expressing our deepest gratitude to Mr. Hoyt for the many years of faithful service he has given to the Town. It seems appropriate to say that the Board of Health will have a great deal of difficulty in finding a suitable replacement for Mr. Hoyt.

Mr. Frederick Key, the Sanitary Agent, has taken over the responsibilities for inspecting and answering all nuisance complaints. These "nuisance complaints" involve all other areas except as covered under Title V of the State Sanitary Code.

The Board is reviewing its regulations for the "Minimum Requirement for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage". In the light of the new state regulations as outlined in Title V, the Board feels that it would be in the best interest of the Town if our own regulations were revised, broadened, compiled and presented in a professionally printed format.

Respectfully submitted,
MERRIMAC BOARD OF HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

The public awareness of preventative medicine is continually increasing attendance at the blood pressure clinics conducted by the Board of Health nurse. Clinics are held on the first, second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1 p.m. at Merri village; second and fourth Mondays of the month at 2:15 p.m. at Northshore Community Center and every Tuesday at the Title VII meal site, at 12:30 p.m.

Immunization clinics were held in April, May and June for pre-school and school age children who received diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, mumps, measles, German measles and polio vaccine.

Testing for lead poisoning was done in conjunction with pre-school registration in May.

A rabies clinic conducted with Dr. Henry B. Lyons of Newburyport was held at the Donaghue School in June.

Flu vaccine was administered to elders free of charge and other residents at a minimal cost during October and November.

Home visits continue on a physician requested basis.

Respectfully submitted
CHARLOTTE E. STEPANIAN R.N.
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

March 6, 1978

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass. 01860

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk for the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1977:

BIRTHS

Number of Births recorded	56
Males	30
Females	26
Father, Native Born	56
Mother, Native Born	56
Father and Mother, both Native Born	56
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	0

MARRIAGES

Number of Marriages recorded	44
First marriage of Groom	26
First marriage of Bride	29
Groom, Native Born	42
Bride, Native Born	42
Groom, Foreign Born	2
Bride, Foreign Born	2
Average age of Groom	26 years, 3 months, 0 days
Average age of Bride	25 years, 1 month, 0 days

DEATHS

Number of Deaths recorded	24
Males	15
Females	9
Under Five years	0
Males, Native Born	14
Females, Native Born	8
Of Native Parentage	16
Of Mixed Parentage	8
Average Age	71 years, 1 month, 0 days
Oldest Person	88

LICENSES

Number of Dogs Licensed	206
Males	188
Females	16
Kennel Licenses	2
Sporting Licenses Issued	142
Minor's Sporting Licenses Issued	6

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY A. CLOYD
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

January 31, 1978

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and to the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the Calendar year 1977. Free cash is no longer computed on January 1, so this date is no longer an important date for collection of taxes. Fiscal year figures as of July 1, 1977 are shown in accountant's report. The levies committed to me in 1977 amounted to \$1,730,520; an increase of \$344,763 more than 1976. 4

percent of the 1977 levy, Real Estate, of \$1,260.862 is unpaid. .0163 percent of the portion of the 1978 Real Estate Levy, which was due November 1st, is unpaid.

This shows that some tax payers are paying their taxes in advance. In other words, paying the May installment with the November installment, which enables them to take the total amount in their income tax in one year.

Respectfully submitted,
WILFRED G. JOURNEYAY
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the
Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my annual report of the activities of the Police Department for the Year 1977.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 1977

General Services	9,588
Assault & Battery	19
Breaking & Entering	66
Larceny	107
Vandalism	225
Stolen Motor Vehicles	18
Recovered for out of Town	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	69
Number with Injuries	38
Motor Vehicles Towed	71
Motor Vehicle Complaints	454
Motor Vehicle Fatalities	0
Missing Persons Reported	55
Missing Property	185
Assist Medical Examiner	1
Ambulance Calls	59
Assist Ill	71
Transfer Assists	170
Breakdown Assists	261
Escorts	222
Building Checks	551
Messages Delivered	601
Assist other Police Departments	320
Assist Municipal Agencies	216
Fire Reports	123
Animal Complaints	468

Citations issued for Motor Vehicle Violations	305
Warnings	18
Summons	261
Arrests	26
Summons served for out of Town Departments	167
Warrants served for out of Town Departments	6
Arrests, Adult	28
Juvenile	8
Summonses served, Adult	62
Summonses served, Juvenile	29
Days in Superior Court	17
Days In District Court	249

COURT DISPOSITIONS

CATEGORY	NUMBER	FINED	DISMISSED	NOT GUILTY	FILED	APPEALED	PROBATION	HOUSE OF CORRECTION	TOTAL FINES
Oper. Under Inf. of Int. Liquor	12	10		1			2	3	2000.00
Oper. to Endanger	8	3				1	1	1	160.00
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle	15	1	1		1	1	5		50.00
Leaving scene after prop. damage	4	4							250.00
Uninsured M/V	9	5	1	1	1	1			600.00
Unregistered M/V	11	6	1	1	1	1	1		150.00
Speeding	108	108							1425.00
Left of Way	40	38		1	1				330.00
No Insp. Sticker	24	24							240.00
Illegal use of Plates	5	3	1			1			175.00
Defective Equip.	66	66							430.00
Fail. to use Caution at Inter-section	1	1							25.00
Failure to stop for Stop Sign	8	8							80.00
Failure to stop for Police Off.	6	5	1						200.00
Failure to change address on lic.	3	2	1						20.00
No reg. in poss.	12	12							120.00
No lic. in poss.	30	25	1		4				250.00
Oper. w/o license	4	1	1		1	1			25.00
Allow. Improper Person to oper. M/V	3	2							50.00

CATEGORY	NUMBER	FINED	DISMISSED	NOT GUILTY	FILED	APPEALED	PROBATION	HOUSE OF CORRECTION	TOTAL FINES
Oper. M/V after Revocation	4	3					1		112.50
Improper start of M/V	7	4	3						65.00
Poss. of altered license	1						1		
Passing on right	1	1							10.00
Passing solid line	2	2							20.00
Impeded operation of a M/V	1	1							10.00
Motor Cycle violations	21	21							480.00
Violation of Town by-Laws	17	17							110.00
False Fire Alarm	1	1							100.00
Dist. the Peace	4	2	1	1					187.50
Possession of a Controlled Substance	3	2	1			2			
Assault & Battery	14				11		3		
B & E at Night	11						11		
B & E, Daytime	6						6		
Larceny under \$100.	4						4		Pay Rest.
Larceny over \$100.	9			1			7		Pay Rest.
Receive Stolen Property	1						1		Pay Rest.
Drop. Missiles on Highway	7		5				2		
Mal. Damage to Property	4								Pay Rest.
Larceny by Check	3								Pay Rest.
Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	2	2							50.00
Discharging of a Firearm	1	1							25.00
Cruelty to an Animal	1	1							125.00

The Police Department would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the ever increasing number of citizens who are aiding and assisting the Police Department in the difficult task of Law Enforcement. With Suburban Crime increasing, it is gratifying to the Police Department to know people who care are also on the increase.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD J. MONTIGNY
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

From: Ruth Parker, Whittier Representative

Donald B. MacDonald, Superintendent Director

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is entering its fifth year. To date we have graduated 1102 students from a regular day school program and 206 students from our Post Secondary courses. It is very encouraging to see our employment statistics at the end of each year, as well as to see that many students go on to further their education.

Each year's experience brings us closer to our educational goal. Old problems are solved and new ones stand ready to take their place. There has been a marked improvement in the labor situation and our economy seems to be on the up-swing.

Our goal is to train our pupils for profitable employment and to give our students social skills that will carry them through life as productive employees and concerned participants within their communities.

Our students are becoming more involved in state-wide and national competitions (newspaper, journalism, art, etc.), while our athletic teams are bringing Whittier Regional to the forefront in the area of sports with their school spirit and sportsmanship. We were pleased and honored to receive an achievement award from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This award was in recognition of the fact that Whittier was among the nation's leaders in the School Partnership Program for its support of a vocational school for handicapped students in Marrakech, Morocco in Africa.

We are continually striving to build within our communities a sense of pride in this school and we need the support of families and citizens to make this school the school it was meant to be.

Our Co-op Program continues to be a very successful and rewarding effort. The accountability report of the graduating class of 1977 is as follows:

Working in trade	190
Working in allied trade	17
Working out of trade	52
In Service	19
Further Education	21
Not working	<u>60</u>
Total	359

Another area which shows what the students at Whittier are able to do is the projects and maintenance services provided by the Whittier Building Trade for Building and Grounds and all educational areas at Whittier, from January 1, 1977 to March 31, 1977:

	<u>Commercial Value</u>
Basic Electronics	\$ 2,880.75
House Building Carpentry	3,249.00
Electrical	16,654.43
G. V. Electrical	893.50
Painting and Decorating	923.00
Plumbing and Heating	8,588.50
Trowel Trades	5,025.00
Upholstery	252.00
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During the past year, in response to the energy crisis the students and teachers in the Electrical Department have modified the fluorescent lighting system throughout the corridor areas within the entire school.

The students are presently installing a system whereby the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems in the building are connected to a control center. Temperatures will be monitored over telephone lines. This system will allow tremendous savings in our energy costs.

A very successful Summer Program was offered at Whittier for Special Needs Students. Thirty-four students attended this program for a period of six weeks. The highlight of this program with the "Visiting Day", not only in the number who attended, but in the reaction from parents and friends.

The following is a list of our Day School Programs:

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	Electrical
Auto Body	Fashion Design
Auto Repair	Foods and Nutrition
Basic Electronics	Graphic Communications
Carpentry:	Health Careers
Boat Building	Interior Design Aide
Cabinet Making	Library Aide
House Building	Machine Shop
Clothing and Textiles	Nursery and Kindergarten Aide
Commercial Art	Painting and Decorating
Cosmetology	Plumbing and Heating
Culinary Arts	Sheet Metal
Data Processing	Special Needs
Diesel Machine	Trowel Trades
Dietary Aide	Upholstery
Distributive Education	Welding
Drafting	

Evening School offerings:

Apprentice Classes:

Carpentry	Plumbing
Electrical	Welding (Ironworkers)
Machine Shop	

Trade Extension Classes:

Auto Repair
Carpentry
Electrical

Machine Shop
Plumbing (Hydronic Heating)
Welding

Trade Preparatory:

Air Conditioning
Auto Body
Auto Repair
Basic Electronics
Boat Building
Carpentry
Culinary Arts
Data Processing
Diesel Machine

Drafting
Graphic Communications
Machine Shop
Sheet Metal
Trowel Trades
Typing
Upholstery
Welding
Nurse's Aide

Community interest:

Physical Fitness

Since January 1977 we have run the following programs connected with the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) which further emphasizes our educational goal to provide our consituent communities a means of re-training for the purposes of more profitable employment:

Culinary Arts
Diesel Truck Mechanic
Job Skills - Plant Maintenance
Precision Machinist; Tool & Diemaker; Moldmaker

We are presently exploring new areas under the new Vocational Acts of 1977-78, Youth Employment Act.

The Athletic offerings are being expanded to provide more sport programs for girls. At present we offer the following inter-scholastic programs:

Football - Varsity, Junior Varisty, Freshman
Boys Basketball - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman
Girls Basketball - Varsity, Junior Varsity
Baseball - Varsity, Junior Varsity
Tennis
Track
Indoor Track
Girls Softball
Hockey - Varsity, Junior Varsity
Wrestling
Girls Gymnastics
Cross Country

Cheerleading
Field Hockey - Girls

Evening Practical Arts:

Arts & Crafts
Chair Caning
Clothing
Creative Stitchery
Draperies and Slipcovers
Interior Design

International Foods
Knitting and Crocheting
Oil Painting
Quilting
Silversmithing

See attached sheet for Day School enrollment and 1977 graduates.

The enrollment for the Evening School from your community:

1976 Fall Semester 90

The cost to your community for the school year 1976-1977 was \$88,576.71.

Respectfully yours,
Ruth Parker
Whittier Representative
Donald B. MacDonald
Superintendent Director

WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
MERRIMAC ENROLLMENT
10/1/76

	GRADE 10		GRADE 11		GRADE 12		6/2/77
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Graduates
Auto Body	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Air Conditioning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auto Repair	-	-	-	1	-	3	3
Boat Building	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Basic Electronics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culinary Arts	-	2	-	-	2	-	2
Child Care	*	*	1	-	3	-	3
Career Development	2	-	*	*	*	*	-
Commercial Art	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Cosmetology	*	*	1	-	1	-	1
Carpentry	-	1	-	3	-	2	2
Dietary Aide	*	*	-	-	2	-	2
Distributive Ed	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diesel Machine	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Data Processing	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electrical	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Fashion Design	*	*	-	-	-	-	-
Graphic Communication	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Health Careers	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Interior Decorating	*	*	-	-	-	-	-
Library Aide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machine Shop	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
Painting & Decorating	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Plumbing & Heating	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Sheet Metal	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Special Needs	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Industrial Trade Dept.			-	2	-	-	-
Trowel Trades	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Upholstery	1	-	-	1	-	2	2
Welding	-	-	-	2	-	1	1
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	6	15	4	13	12	11	23

Grade 9, General Vocational: 13 boys, 4 girls

Total Secondary: 78 (including 9 special needs)

Post-Secondary: 1

GRAND TOTAL 79

* Shop not available that year

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the
TOWN OF MERRIMAC
For the Year Ending
December 31, 1977

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 107th annual printed school report.

RHONDA OSBORNE, Chairman
EIDA V. JERVEY, Vice Chairman
CHARLES H. GOLDSTEIN, Secretary
ZILLAH M. BUZZELL
JOHN R. WALSH

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WORKING CERTIFICATES:

Pentucket Regional High School, Guidance Department

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1977

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Merrimac School Committee submits this report for the year 1977. For the educational program in Grades 7-12 please turn to the Pentucket Regional School Committee report. For vocational activities in the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School, of which this town is a member, please turn to the Whittier report.

Although this Committee is in charge of the Elementary grades only, this Committee summarizes the public school population for which the Town had responsibility (10-1-77).

Elementary Pupils

Kindergarten	59
Grades 1-6	503
Tuitioned out - (Sp. Ed.)	5

Pentucket Regional

Grades 7-9	264
Grades 10-12	192

Whittier Vocational

Grades 9-12	77
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School Expenditures

Over the past few years your School Committees have reviewed the ever-changing duties and obligations of an educational nature that affect your schools and school budgets. You are familiar with most of these through the efforts of the various media that reach into the home. As you know the Committees have accepted these responsibilities because they were the law of the Commonwealth which the members are sworn to uphold. The most visible of these has been Chapter 766 which prescribed diagnosis, evaluation and remediation of special education children. A careful examination of this recent legislation shows that in a number of cases, the burden of education, pupil health and rehabilitation has been transferred from other public agencies to the schools. In a few cases the pupils have been even maintained in special schools but their cost has been ascribed to the local schools.

Within the past year almost identical Federal legislation has been enacted for the handicapped. It is not expected at this time that the federal legislation will increase local expenditures but only time will tell. There will be some minor funding by the federal government but most costs fall under the Chapter 766 legislation which is already in effect. The magnitude of the financial responsibility placed on School Committees can hardly be exaggerated.

Your School Budget

We have detailed for you the impact of just one area of legislation that affects your school budget. One might conclude in reviewing the declining enrollments that the cost of operating the schools should reflect a somewhat similar decline in the budget. This feeling fails on two accounts: inflation and additional required services. Had we not been obligated to expand the services to handicapped children in compliance with the law, there would, of course, have been a reduction in total staff members. The number of regular classroom teachers has declined but new staff members in Special Education were required. The total staff, therefore, has not significantly changed because of the newly legislated programs.

Thus, the budgetary requirements have continued to increase because total staff needs have not declined. Personnel costs have increased due to the current inflationary trend.

We draw your attention to the 1978 Fiscal Year budget which carried the sum of \$101,100 for direct Special Education costs. Well over 90% of this was attributed to personnel costs, transportation and tuition to schools that offered Special Education services not available in town due to the low incidence of these handicaps.

These laws have added to the cost of the education of our children. Their humanitarian purposes for the child and society cannot be questioned. The responsibility for carrying out these laws was placed on School Committees because no other public or private agency could do as well. The School Committee did not seek these responsibilities but it is their duty to carry them out. As with other worthwhile legislation, the need is obvious but the financing of these programs weighs heavily on the community.

We quote two paragraphs from the publication, *The Children's Puzzle*, a study of services to the children of Massachusetts that reflect some of the current problems.

“There is a demonstrated ambivalence in state policy toward children. Landmark legislation enacted by the Massachusetts General Court is either underfunded or not implemented. Legislation is not implemented because of the diffusion of responsibilities between agencies or because the agencies charged with implementation are incapable of, or resistant to, following the expressed intent of the Legislature.

The standards which our citizens and the state agencies are now demanding from local school systems for meeting the individualized needs of handicapped children are standards which the state agencies serving children refuse to demand of themselves. This contradiction places an excessive burden upon school systems, both programmatically and financially.”

The study goes on to state that its belief is that effective implementation of these services must begin with the schools, that the schools have been given the responsibilities without the resources, and that the schools have been held to a standard of accountability which no state agency imposes on itself. We agree with these observations.

Conclusion

This Committee submits this annual report to the citizens in the firm belief that we have carried out the obligations of the laws of the Commonwealth, and the implied or expressed wishes of the inhabitants. We acknowledge that there are differences in the expectations of some members of the community. This is not unexpected.

Unanimity is often difficult even within a family on matters as uncomplicated as which is the best television program to watch. Decisions of major and minor educational policy are infinitely more complicated with a broader

spectrum of choices to be made. There is a need for deliberate long-range attention to the problem of understanding our educational system as well as its differences.

Finally, we are not unmindful of the financial efforts that have been made in educating our children. We do this in conformity with the wishes of the majority of the inhabitants whose concern for their children is great.

Respectfully submitted,
RHONDA OSBORNE, Chairman
ZILLAH M. BUZZELL
CHARLES H. GOLDSTEIN
EIDA V. JERVEY
JOHN R. WALSH
MERRIMAC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT: 1977

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

School and Community

Our schools are formal institutions established by public policy to prepare our children in a systematic fashion to adapt and contribute to society. They reflect the political and moral values of society. The schools are normative in their concern for how people ought to behave.

Your schools are not apart from the public forum; they are in it and of it. The education policies and programs are developed and justified in light of general public policy. The community constantly redefines and directs its schools. To some extent the ends and means marshal the evolving purposes of the schools. In many ways the primary objectives of education today are the same as they have been - that is, to develop men and women of high character and moral purpose who have also the intellectual capacities and the sense of values to lead a fruitful and satisfying life. It should be pointed out, however, that schools have nowhere near the power to influence the behavior of pupils required to offset the total effect of the community.

Schools and Expectations

We find ourselves in paradoxical times. Our schools can be said to be at their peak in providing for our children. And yet schools throughout the nation are suffering from intense criticism.

As we look at our accomplishments and the criticism, we wonder whether the rhetoric of the social-reformists of the past generation have not promised more to the people than the schools can deliver. Waves of innovations promised resolutions of educational and societal ills. Some of

these programs emanating from Federal legislation were experimental. They were offered as such but were misinterpreted. Some failed, others faded, others were not funded.

People, especially those whose soaring vision of a world of plenty in education and social equality, were left short of their vision. The vague discontent of people felt prior to these waves of innovation now create the feeling of betrayal. It is said that while people will suffer patiently when it is inevitable, as soon as the idea of escaping from the pain crosses their mind the pain seem unendurable. There is no doubt that our schools as well as society have removed many shortcomings. The shortcomings that are left now seem to be more bitter. Our shortcomings are less but people's sensitivity to those left appears more acute.

Individual Differences

Although we subscribe to the many commonly stated goals in our educational program, we place a top priority on demonstrated competence in the skills of reading, writing, speaking and computation. Within all the areas of learning provisions are made for individual differences so that each child will learn and develop at a rate close to his optimum capacity.

Basic principle. All pupils cannot be expected to achieve at the same rate or to the same degree in any learning field. One might say that this statement is axiomatic. Yet much of the difficulty we're having in public criticism is based on the fact that some people do not yet understand that children of the same age exhibit marked differences in size, weight, strength and ability. To expect all children, regardless of their physical capacity, to jump a given distance or run at a given speed would be absurd. Children of a given age vary in capacity to do school work just as much. In any type of school work you might wish to mention, children of a given age vary just as much in their capacity to do it as they do in physical size or strength. In some cases more.

Intelligence itself varies as much as does height and weight in a normal fifth grade of unselected students, and when one gets to the ninth grade it's just that much worse because the further we go the more variation we have. In a normal fifth grade of unselected students one can expect to find actual variations in achievement and ability from that normally expected of a 7 year old to that normally expected of a 15 year old. (And in the ninth and 10th grades this difference gets to be even larger). So one child learns a lot faster than the other, and if the teacher does a good job and develops a situation in a classroom where everyone learns to capacity, the longer the teacher teaches the more she compounds her difficulty, because the further apart the pupils are as they progress.

It has been indicated above that native intelligence greatly affects the academic performance of pupils. It is only one factor, albeit an important one. Other factors that affect optimal growth, though not limited to these factors, are: desire to learn (motivation), parental expectations, educational practices, teaching styles, pupil personality, etc.

Do the Schools Teach Skills?

From time to time we are questioned as to whether the schools really teach spelling, or arithmetic or whatever area you wish to mention, inasmuch as so many graduates, even of high schools, are poor spellers (mathematicians, etc.). The answer is that some people will always be poor spellers (etc.) compared to a norm for the same reason that some will remain poor runners, or swimmers, or singers. People differ in their capacity to become expert in any skill. This is not a reflection on them or their schools. Some literary figures have been known to be weak spellers. The schools have not given up the teaching of spelling. There is ample evidence that it has done well.

What was just said about spelling applies to Reading and other skills. To some extent the introduction of programs for various handicapped pupils under Chapter 766 reflects the concern of society for those whose native traits reflect conditions handicapping their ability to learn. For example, as you all have seen in media information, a number of our nationally prominent leaders have had conditions such as dyslexia. These handicaps are often correctible, partly or completely with intensive remediation. In some cases where a condition is not amenable to correction, the individual overcomes the handicap by compensating through his other abilities. Yes, we do teach skills.

If we reflect on what some of us ask the schools to do, it is apparent that the tasks are formidable. As a minimal expectation we find reading, writing and arithmetic. Even if the schools limited themselves to these goals only, there is the need to contend with awesome differences in ability to learn, desire to learn and individual expectation. But American Education has never limited itself to what commonly are called the basics.

Some of the other expectations are: physical and emotional well-being, effective use of knowledge, citizenship, occupational competence, understanding of the environment, individual values and attitudes, creativity and development of talents. True, not all agree or accept these goals, but they are the expectations of some and must be given proper attention. Finally, your schools strive to attain the expectations of parents and the community.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. JAKOBEK
Superintendent of Schools

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF 1977-1978

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years in Merrimac
Helen R. Donaghue School Principal	Annette A. Autiello	B.S. Suffolk University 1966 M.Ed. Suffolk University 1969	12	10
	Judson R. Merrill	A.B. Bowdoin College 1948 M.Ed. Suffolk University 1959	25	3.7
Red Oak School Principal	Dawn Rae Allen	B.S. Salem State College	10	10
	Nancy W. Deminie	B.A. University of N.H. 1953	19	19
	Jane K. Sheedy	B.A. University of Mass. 1967	10	10
	Mary Jane Lane	B.S. Salem State College 1974	4	4
	Genevieve Smithson	Posse School of Phys. Ed. 1938	25	19
	John L. Randall, III	B.Ed. Keene Teachers' College 1962	16	10
	Edward Martin	B.S. Salem State College 1965	12	12
	Patricia M. Condon	B.S. Gordon College 1953	21	14
	Mary H. Coughlin	A.B. Merrimack College 1961 M.A. Salem State College 1964	16	9
	Roy M. Campbell	B.S. Gordon College 1971	7	7
	Rosalie M. Scher	B.S. Farmington Teachers' College	11	8
	Gretchen J. Scholten	B.A. University of Mass. 1971	6.4	6.4
	Constance L. Gordon	B.S. University of Maine 1969	9	9
	Barbara M. Taylor	B.S. Gordon College 1967	12	11
	Marion F. Johnson	B.S. University of N.H. 1949 M.Ed. Salem State College 1965	29	21
	Glenn M. Allison	B.S. Boston State College 1975	3	3
	Constance C. Dublin	B.S. Lowell State College 1960	16.3	9.3
	Jean M. Antczak	B.S. Salem State College 1970	8	8
	Susanne P. Spalding	B.A. University of Mass. 1974	2.6	2.6
	Patricia E. McAllister	B.S. Boston State College 1976	2	2
PRIMARY UNIT:	Richard R. Jervey	B.S. North Adams State 1974	4	4
	Deborah L. McNulty	B.S. Lowell State College 1972	3.5	Leave of Absence

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years in Merrimac
	Ellen G. Meredith	B.S. Worcester State College 1963 M.A. University of Conn. 1964	6	2
	Linda M. Gilmartin	B.S. Salem State College 1971	7	7
	Angela Jervey	B.S. Salem State College 1972	5.6	5.6
	Martha A. Williams	B.S. State College at Westfield 1971	5	L/A 1976-1979
	Ellen C. Bettencourt	B.S. Lowell State College 1972	6	6
	Linda M. Brackett	M.Ed. Suffolk University 1975	8	8
	Nancy Perkins	M.Ed. University of Mass.	19	14
	Veronica E. Laite	B.A. Madonna College, Mich. 1967	14	9
Art Supervisor Vocal Music	Michael F. Buckley	B.A. Berklee College of Music 1974	2	2
	Shirley L. Southwick	A.B. Boston University 1955	7	4
	Maureen E. Carne	B.S. Emerson College 1970	7	2.8
	Thomas F. Moughan	M.Ed. Northeastern University 1971		
Special Education Reading	Ellenmarie A. Widman	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1964 B.Ed. Keene State College 1968	14 7	10 L/A 1975-1978
	Nancy B. Taylor	M.S. University of N.H. 1972 B.S. Lesley College 1955	5	2
T.P.M.H. Adjustment Counselor	Susan Belmont	M.Ed. University of N.H. 1969	0	Began 9/1/77
	Lucia A. DePamphilis	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1975 B.S. State College at Framingham M.Ed. Salem State College 1970	9	9
Physical Education Physical Education	Holly Ann Hamilton	B.S. Plymouth State College 1977	0	1
	Bruce D. Rohr	B.S. University of N.H. 1976	0	1

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL UNION #53

1977-1978

1977

Union

September

6 Tuesday

7 Wednesday School opens for Pupils Gr. K-6

October

10 Monday Holiday - no school - Columbus Day

November

9 Wednesday Ends 1st quarter - 45 days

10 Thursday Schools closed - Parent - Teachers
Conference K-6

11 Friday Holiday - No school - Veterans Day

23 Wednesday Schools close at noon for
Thanksgiving Holiday

28 Monday Schools open

December

22 Thursday Schools close end-of-day for the
Christmas holidays

1978

January

3 Tuesday Schools open

16 Monday Schools closed-Martin Luther King Day

27 Friday Ends 1st Half - 45 days

30 Monday K a.m./p.m. reversals

February

20 Monday Schools closed for Winter Vac.

27 Monday Schools open

March

24 Friday Schools closed - Good Friday

April

7 Friday Ends 3rd quarter - 44 days

17 Monday Schools closed for Spring Vac.

24 Monday Schools open

May

29 Monday Schools closed - Memorial Day

June

20 Tuesday 180th day. Last day of school if no
days were cancelled.

June 21,22, 23 are make-up days - 183 days

MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1979 FY BUDGET

Voted 3-9-78

Appropriated 1978	Requested 1979
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1000 SERIES - ADMINISTRATION

1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE

314 Contracted Services	\$ 2,100.00	\$ <u>4,100.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	945.00	<u>990.00</u>

1200 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - School Union

311 Salaries, Professional	12,334.00	<u>9,500.00</u>
312 Salaries, Non-Professional	7,741.00	<u>6,892.00</u>
314 Contracted Services	575.00	<u>525.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	1,350.00	<u>1,000.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	900.00	<u>600.00</u>

2000 SERIES - INSTRUCTION

2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

311 Administrative Salaries	40,810.00	<u>44,136.00</u>
312 Clerical Salaries	13,089.00	<u>13,647.00</u>
314 Contracted Services	1,175.00	<u>1,175.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	700.00	<u>700.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	1,200.00	<u>1,200.00</u>

2300 TEACHING

311 Salaries, Professional - Negotiated	424,948.00	<u>438,500.00</u>
312 Salaries, Non-Professional (Aides)	7,353.00	<u>7,438.00</u>
314 Contracted Services	2,550.00	<u>2,375.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	16,000.00	<u>15,500.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	270.00	<u>325.00</u>

2400 TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS

315a Textbooks	9,325.00	<u>6,193.00</u>
315B Workbooks	13,181.00	<u>14,051.00</u>

2500 LIBRARY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

311 Salary, Non-Professional (Aides)	6,534.00	<u>7,260.00</u>
315 Library Supplies	500.00	<u>550.00</u>

3000 SERIES - OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

3200 HEALTH SERVICES

311 Salaries, Professional	12,370.00	<u>13,419.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	350.00	<u>375.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	175.00	<u>225.00</u>

3370 TRANSPORTATION

314 Contracted Services	36,540.00	<u>34,500.00</u>
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3400 FOOD SERVICES

312 Lunch Aides-non-instructional	8,535.00	<u>8,672.00</u>
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3500 SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

200.00	None
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4000 SERIES - OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT

4100 CUSTODIAL SERVICES

313 Salaries	43,300.00	<u>43,810.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	5,150.00	<u>5,200.00</u>
4120 HEAT OF BUILDINGS	23,300.00	<u>21,000.00</u>

4130 UTILITY SERVICES

Superintendent's Office pro-rated share	600.00	<u>600.00</u>
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4210 MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS

314 Contracted Services	1,300.00	<u>1,400.00</u>
315 Supplies	300.00	<u>300.00</u>
316 Other	None	<u>200.00</u>

4220 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

314 Contracted Services	15,450.00	<u>17,625.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	3,500.00	<u>3,500.00</u>
4230 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	1,775.00	<u>1,775.00</u>

7000 SERIES - ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

7300 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT

318 Library Books	1,600.00	<u>1,700.00</u>
318 Equipment - Red Oak	2,000.00	<u>2,000.00</u>
318 Equipment - Helen R. Donaghue	2,048.00	<u>1,863.00</u>

7400 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Red Oak	1,310.00	<u>1,100.00</u>
Helen R. Donaghue	2,500.00	<u>1,579.00</u>

9000 CHAPTER 74 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	100.00	<u>100.00</u>
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SCHEDULE B (Chapter 766)

2100B SUPERVISION

311B Salaries, Professional-School Union (Acct. 1200-311)	None	<u>3,667.00</u>
312B Salaries, Non-Professional-School Union (Acct. 1200-312)	None	<u>1,236.00</u>
315B Supplies and Materials (Acct. 1200-315)	None	<u>500.00</u>
316B Other Expenses (Accts. 4130 and 1200-316)	None	<u>450.00</u>

2300B INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

311B Salaries, Professional	73,900.00	<u>104,689.00</u>
312B Clerical	200.00	<u>400.00</u>
314B Contracted Services	1,100.00	<u>500.00</u>
315B Supplies and Materials	800.00	<u>800.00</u>
316B Other Expense	400.00	<u>650.00</u>
2400B TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS	1,000.00	<u>1,000.00</u>

2800B EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES

312B Salaries, Professional-Cores	None	<u>750.00</u>
314B Contracted Services (acct. 2300B-314B)	None	<u>600.00</u>

3200B HEALTH SERVICES	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
3370B TRANSPORTATION		
314B Contracted Services	10,000.00	<u>14,000.00</u>
4130B UTILITY SERVICES	400.00	None
7300B ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	800.00	<u>829.00</u>
9000B OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	12,000.00	<u>18,000.00</u>
Elem. School Budget	691,360.00	705,575.00
Chap. 766	100,000.00	148,571.00
School Trans.	36,540.00	34,500.00
Voc. (Ch 74)	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	828,000.00	888,746.00

REPORT OF THE
PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For The
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its 24th annual report to each of the member towns.

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Guidance Department, Pentucket Regional High School,

West Newbury, Mass.

PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Annual Report -- Fiscal 1977

To: The Selectmen and Citizens of Groveland, Merrimac, and West Newbury

The Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits this report to you for the 1977 Fiscal Year. Of the many items of interest to the people of the District, we have selected the more important and vital ones.

Declining Enrollments

As shown on the next page in the highlights of the schools historical enrollments, a period of enrollment decline has begun. This pupil enrollment decline which began 8 years ago in the elementary schools has now reached the regional school level.

As the Committee studies the elementary school enrollments we see a further decline in the number of secondary school pupils. A look at the birth rates in the district towns indicates that there will be a continued decline for some 10 years unless other factors such as immigration offsets present enrollment declines.

Athletic Considerations

Although the District's land area appears sufficient for athletic activities, the increase in the number of teams and activities has created demands which cannot be met without limiting some activities and practice sessions. This has caused concern for the participants and the Committee. The alternatives that are available for the Committee regarding these shortages are: using the facilities of other schools or towns, expanding the present boundaries, and revising land usage now under the jurisdiction of the Committee. In time it may be necessary to use all possible alternatives.

For those who are familiar and concerned with the present track at the Senior High School, this Committee agrees that a final solution must be reached in the future. The solution to this problem revolves around space usage and interference with other activities as well as costs. This Committee is not unmindful of the need to improve this facility.

HISTORICAL ENROLLMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grades</u>						<u>Total</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	
1958	131	120	132	114	101	60	658
1962	177	183	160	160	112	100	892
	<u>Platooning</u>						
1963	179	195	184	171	165	120	1014
1966	241	224	187	171	172	166	1161
Opening of the Junior High School							
1967	234	235	223	180	161	172	1205
			sub-total/692			sub-total/513	
1972	295	313	287	259	226	206	1586
			sub-total/895			sub-total/691	
	<u>Opening of Whittier Regional</u>						
1973	330	306	240	226	213	203	1518
			sub-total/876			sub-total/642	
Tuitioned out Sp. Ed. (ungraded)							4
1974	286	326	251	246	220	213	1542
			sub-total/863			sub-total/679	
Tuitioned out Sp. Ed. (ungraded)							11
1975	314	288	288	268	225	205	1588 Peak Year
			sub-total/890			sub-total/698	
Tuitioned out Sp. Ed. (ungraded)							11
1977	283	247	241	223	252	215	1461
			sub-total/771			sub-total/690	
Tuitioned out Sp. Ed.							7
	<u>Estimated</u>						
1978	273	283	200	235	215	232	1438
			sub-total/756			sub-total/68	
Tuitioned out Sp. Ed.							7
1979	252	273	240	200	220	200	1385
			sub-total/765			sub-total/620	
Tuitioned out Sp. Ed.							7

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

In providing the educational program, the School Committee is involved in issues which try to balance the needs of pupils with the resources of the community. This requires weighing educational programs prescribed by law and adapting these programs to individual needs. If it was possible we might tailor a program for the present and the future including an occupation suited to each child. This, of course, is beyond our attainment so we develop standards most appropriate for individuals. But, there is an irreducible minimum for children.

This Committee has exercised discretion in its goals, programs and budgets. The School has generally provided the necessary educational needs as expressed by the communities for their children. The school has received some criticism like every other aspect of our society. Criticism must be carefully evaluated in order to eliminate any shortcomings.

What and how to teach has always been considered, reviewed, debated and weighed to make judgements most advantageous to the students. There are contradictory positions on all issues. This Committee must make decisions on the basis of expressed or implied community desires for its children in accordance with current legislation.

In recent years with the advent of Chap. 766 in Massachusetts and the recent federal law for handicapped people, some of the practices that schools have carried on for years are being altered. The most significant aspects of the education of the handicapped is that each child must be thoroughly evaluated and then an individual educational plan be written for that person. The school can accommodate most of the individual educational plans but in a few cases where low incidence handicaps are diagnosed the child must be tuitioned and transported to specialized learning centers.

Contract Negotiations

As it is well-known your School Committee must, under the laws of the Commonwealth, negotiate contracts with its personnel. The most recent negotiations process began October 1975 and lasted until September 1977. These negotiations resulted in a two year agreement, for the period September 1, 1976 to August 30, 1978.

Negotiations are legal for salaries, hours, and conditions of employment. The process seeks a reasonable agreement between the parties relative to a financially acceptable decision and one which does not hamstring the educational process. The final agreement spells out the situation during the life of the agreement.

Negotiations have created another dimension to the duties of the committee members. It is a tedious process which requires tolerance of differences of opinions, examination of proposals to secure the best answers for taxpayers and pupils, examination of words to eliminate imprecise language and hours of review and revision. Failure to eliminate

the ambiguities of language, including School Committee policies, may result in grievances, complaints of unfair labor practices, arbitration and even court cases.

Contract negotiations are done on behalf of the School Committee by a professional negotiator. Negotiations must be carried on by experts to safeguard the responsibilities described above.

In summary we submit this report of our stewardship of your schools. This Committee is constantly evaluating the pupils, personnel, programs and facilities. Overall we find a quality education which previous Committees and townspeople have provided. From our observation and reports from the citizens, the schools are providing the type of education that the majority of citizens want for their children.

We are not unmindful of the fact that some have found things needing adjustment or correction. It is the duty of the Committee and its responsibility to the residents to investigate these matters. We have done so. Wherever possible corrections have been made.

Respectfully submitted,
Pentucket Regional School Committee
Richard T. Sciacca, Chairman
Robert V. Carr
Paul F. Lynn
William P. Bannister
Gunter J. Waehling
Barbara M. Wells
Zillah M. Buzzell
Eida V. Jervy
Rhonda Osborne

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF FOR 1977-1978
PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Principal High School	Alexander S. Johnston	B.S. Springfield College 1949 M.S. University of Mass. 1957	8
Assistant Principal	Bertram D. Fecteau	M.Ed. Boston University 1955	13
Principal Junior High	Francis J. Ferreira	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	18
Assistant Principal	William H. Whiting	M.Ed. Northeastern University 1961	18
Guidance Director	Ruth E. Godin	C.A.G.S. Northeastern University 1977	Began 10/31/77
Guidance	Kenneth B. Wood	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	16
Guidance	Anne T. Converse	M.Ed. University of New Hampshire 1975	Began 9/1/77
Guidance	Beryl Bagni	B.S. University of Mass. 1948	8
Guidance	John J. O'Wril	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1963	11
Guidance	Michael A. Wartman	C.A.G.S. Springfield College 1969	Began 10/6/77
Work Study	Frank J. Orlando	M.Ed. Salem State College 1977	8
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Laura J. Carley	B.S. Bridgewater State College 1967	11
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Nancy L. Hurld	B.A. Lea College, Minnesota 1972	5
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Marilyn L. Peacock	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1965	7
Boys' Phys. Ed.-Director	Thomas J. Flaherty	M.A.T. Brown University 1961	15
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Raymond E. Stickney	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1964	14
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Paul B. Hughes	B.S. Northern Michigan Univ. 1972	3
English Dept. Head H.S.	Ronald L. Fenerty	M.Ed. University of N.H. 1969	17
English	Stephen Voltero	B.S. Merrimack College 1962	14
English	Helen M. McKittrick	A.B. Marymount College 1968 M.A. Wesleyan University 1973	9
English	Karen A. Wheeler	A.B. Simmons College 1967	8
English	Mary K. Gaffney	B.S. Boston College 1963	7
English	Katalin M. Winchell	A.B. Smith College 1974	3

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
English Dept. Head Jr.H.	Albert E. Belanger	B.S. Salem State College 1961 M.A.T. Salem State College 1974	12
English	Janice A. Fowler	B.S. Northeastern University 1967	11
English	William J. Martin	B.S. Northeastern University 1966	12
English	Lawrence W. Faye	B.A. Merrimac College 1970	6
English	Jeffrey L. Hogan	B.A. University of N.H. 1969 M.A. University of N.H. 1971	7
English	Mary E. Parry	B.S. Salem State College 1960	8
English	Antonio J. Marino, Jr.	B.A. Westfield State College 1966 M.Ed. Salem State College 1974	5
English	Dorothy A. Rostosky	B.S. Lyndon Teachers College 1963	11
Reading	William B. Normand	M.Ed. Salem State College 1966	8
Reading	H. June Denault	B.S. Salem State College 1970	8
Reading	Kathleen Owens	B.A. Emmanuel College 1962	9
Reading	Marijane V. Natalie	B.S. Boston College 1965 M.Ed. Salem State College 1973	6
Reading	Catherine L. Dower	B.A. Salem State College 1970	7
Language Dept. Head	Richard H. Olson	B.A. St. Lawrence University 1966 M.A. Middlebury College 1967	8
Latin, English	Richard L. Canepa	B.A. Brown University 1962 M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	14
French	Roger Roy	B.A. Marist College 1964	13
French	John E. Durant	A.B. St. Anselm's College 1963	10
Spanish	Hazel W. Owen	A.B. Boston University 1941	15
German	Inge M. Buerger	B.A. University of N.H. 1968	2
German	Carol S. June	B.A. Middlebury College 1966	Began 9/1/77
French/Spanish	Mary Ellen Sullivan	B.A. University of Maine 1973	Began 9/1/77
French/Spanish	Regina B. Moss	B.A. Harpor College, New York 1972 M.Ed. Boston State College 1974	2

Phys. Sci. Dept. Hd. H.S.	Robert F. Knights	M.Ed. Harvard University	20
Biological Science	Melvin H. Pollack	B.S. Boston University 1958	20
Dept. Head H.S.	Joseph J. Derro, Jr.	M.Ed. Boston University 1963	20
Science	Dudley W. Baldwin	B.S. North Carolina State 1954	14
Science		B.S. Mass. College of Pharmacy 1957	11
		M.S. Worcester Polytechnic Institute	2
Science	David D. Moore	M.S. Clarkson College 1970	13
Science	Jeffrey W. Joy	B.A. University of Rhode Island 1976	13
Science Dept. Head Jr.H.	Robert E. Anton	B.S. University of Mass. 1957	13
		M.S. Boston College 1974	13
Science	James C. Connor	M.Ed. Boston University 1971	10.5
Science	Mildred E. Kelley	M.Ed. University of Maine 1971	9
Science	Edward W. Monroe	B.S. Salem State College 1967	8
		M.A. Salem State College 1977	7.5
Science	Stephen H. Meline	A.B. Boston University 1970	8
		M.S. Boston College 1974	15
Science	Harold W. Hutchins	B.A. University of N.H. 1968	10
Science	Walter D. Clark	B.S. Texas A. & M. University 1964	11
Social Studies Dept. Head	Joseph Sherry	M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	13
Sr. H.S.			9
Social Studies	Herman T. Diehl, Jr.	B.S. University of Maine 1961	9
Social Studies	Marilyn Hershfield	M.A. Boston University 1946	15
Social Studies	Gerry J. Hull	A.B. University of Mass. 1965	13
		M.A. Salem State College 1971	9
Social Studies	Stephen E. Denihan	A.B. Merrimack College 1963	15
Social Studies Dept. Head	Minas Dakos	M.Ed. Salem State College 1969	13
Jr. H.S.			12
Social Studies	Robert P. Ruszkowski	B.S. Salem State Teachers' College 1965	11
Social Studies	David G. Buckley	B.A. Gordon College 1963	
Social Studies	George P. Michaleas	B.S. Salem State College 1966	

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Social Studies	David E. Morse	B.S. Springfield College 1968	10
Social Studies	Wayne C. Sylvester	B.A. Bridgewater State 1969	7
		M.S. University of Wisconsin 1971	
Social Studies	Richard W. Dower	A.B. State College at Westfield 1970	5
Social Studies	Carolee G. Miller	B.A. Northeastern University 1975	Began 9/1/77
Math Dept. Head, H.S.	Arnold G. Zins	B.A. Amherst College 1954	19
Mathematics	Nancy A. Allison	B.Ed. Bridgewater State 1964	10
		M.S. Clarkson University 1973	
Mathematics	Dana B. Allison	B.A. Salem State College 1970	7
Mathematics	Nelda I. Denihan	B.S. Salem State College 1970	8
Math Dept. Head Jr. H.	Raymond L. MacNeil	M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	16
Mathematics	Alan L. Mason	B.S. Salem State College 1965	11
Mathematics	David H. Bickum	M.Ed. Western Conn. State College 1969	9
Mathematics	Janice M. Hegan	B.A. Salem State College 1970	8
Mathematics	George J. DeLawrence	B.S. Salem State College 1958	10
Mathematics	Joyce E. Stoehr	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1968	10
Mathematics	Dianne P. Freije	B.S. Salem State College 1972	6
Math/Biology	Leila R. Gilbert	B.A. Salem State College 1976	2
Business Dept. Head	John D. Ricker	B.E. Plymouth State College 1965	Leave of Absence
Business	Harriet L. Mannion	M.Ed. University of Maine 1973	Began 9/1/77
Business	William T. Loughlin	B.B.S. New Hampshire College 1966	11
Business	Donna Lynch	B.S. Salem State College 1969	9
Business	Kathleen M. Flanigan	B.S. Salem State College 1970	8
Industrial Arts, Dept. Head	Donald L. Pinciario	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1964	14
Mechanical Drawing, H.S.		M.Ed. Fitchburg State College 1974	
Industrial Arts-Woodworking	James D. Schultz	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1961	17
Industrial Arts	Dennis C. Willis	B.A. Framingham State College 1975	2
Industrial Arts, Dept. Head	Michael A. Babin	B.Ed. Keene Teachers College 1965	10
Jr. H.		M.Ed. Fitchburg State College 1973	

Industrial Arts	Daniel T. McCarthy	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1969	9
Industrial Arts	Lawrence W. Cochrane, Jr.	B.S. Worcester Polytechnic Inst. 1960	4
Home Economics	Jean H. Lowe	B.S. Framingham State College 1969	9
Home Economics	Julia M. Martines	B.S. Framingham State College 1975	3
Home Economics	Gail T. Snell	B.S. University of Maine at Farmington 1960	4
Home Economics	Ann Marie Murphy	B.S. Misericordia College, Pa. 1975	2
Music Dept. Head	Bruce E. Franson	B.M.E. University of Nebraska 1968	Began 9/1/77
Vocal Music	Joan F. Slagle	B.M.E. Youngstown University 1966	Began 9/1/77
Vocal Music	Frank T. Esile	M. Lowell State College 1970	15
Music and Band	Robert W. Howard	B.S. Lowell State College 1962	12
Art Dept. Head	Nancy A. Norton	M.A.T. Assumption College 1962	12
Art	Peter Bodge	B.A. University of N.H. 1960	5
Art	Mary Ann Varoski	B.F.A. Nathaniel Hawthorne Col. 1970	L/A 1977-80
Art	Susan R. Galeros	B.A.S.E. Massachusetts University 1977	1.5
Art	Susan M. Dougherty	B.A. Michigan State University 1967	4.5
Art	Deborah R. Swindlehurst	B.F.A. University of Michigan 1969	2
Librarian-Sr. H.S.	Ruth N. Parker	A.B. Coker College 1942	20
Librarian-Jr. H.S.	Sheila M. Callahan	B.A. Lowell State College 1971	6
Adjustment Counselor	Joseph L. D'Agata	B.S. Northeastern University 1966	2
		M.Ed. Northeastern University 1973	
Teacher of Pupils with Moderate Handicaps	Susan Foster	B.A. University of Mass. 1973	3
T.P.M.H.	Barbara E. Voigt	B.A. University of Colorado 1972	2.5
		M.Ed. Boston College 1974	
Teacher of Special Needs	Marianne Bob	B.A. Brooklyn College 1976	1.7
Speech Therapy	Maureen E. Carne	B.S. Emerson College 1970	2.8
		M.Ed. Northeastern University 1971	

MERRIMAC GRADUATES

1977

Baumgartner, Charles
Beaumont, Lyn
Biggart, Sean
Bixby, Norman
Brault, Tina Marie
Brodie, Kevin
Brown, Deborah
Buzzell, Marie
Chapman, Bruce
Cheney, Alan
Chirigotis, John
Deady, Nancy
Dugas, Melinda
Dumas, Elaine
Elliott, Stephen
Fortin, Cheryl
Freeman, Rocky
George Timothy
Gilchrist, Jane
Glover, Pamela
Griffiths, Anne
Grue, Susan
Gulezian, Luke
Hanks, Joel
Heaton, Barbara
Hope Abigail
Kaiser, Tanya
Kimball, Lynn
Knower, Debra
Lane, Joellen
Lavalley, Diane
Lebel, Stephen
Lumsden, Jane
McMeniman, Lori

McMurtry, J. Douglas
McMurtry, Wendy
MacLeod, Barbara
Lovely, Karen
Massey, Colleen
Mathews, Lori
Michel, Scott
Milardo, Diane
Nolan, Michael
O'Brien, Brenda
Orme, Julia
Pittman, Rebecca
Poor, Edith
Potter, Frederick
Randall, Nancy
Riley, Barbara
Roberts, Roxanne
Roberts, Suzanne
Ross, Sheryl
Rousseau, Vincent
Sanborn, Denise
Sanborn, Pamela
Sayers, Laurence
Shaw, Nolan
Short, Martha
Sloban, Thomas
Smith, Tracy
Smith, Valerie
Twist, Mark
Twist, Michael
Vance, David
Wallace, John
Walton, Judith
Wright, Debora

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL UNION #53
1977-1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>Pentucket</u>
September		
6	Tuesday	Orientation: Teachers 7th Graders
7	Wednesday	School Opens for Pupils
October		
10	Monday	Holiday-no school-Columbus Day
November		
9	Wednesday	Ends 1st quarter - 45 days
10	Thursday	Schools closed - Teachers In-Service 7-12
11	Friday	Holiday-no school-Veterans Day
23	Wednesday	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
28	Monday	Schools open
December		
22	Thursday	Schools close end-of-day for the Christmas holidays
<u>1978</u>		
January		
3	Tuesday	Schools open
16	Monday	Schools closed-Martin Luther King Day
27	Friday	Ends 1st Half - 45 days
February		
20	Monday	Schools closed for Winter Vac.
27	Monday	Schools open
March		
24	Friday	Schools closed-Good Friday
April		
7	Friday	Ends 3rd quarter - 44 days
17	Monday	Schools closed for Spring Vac.
24	Monday	Schools open
May		
29	Monday	Schools closed-Memorial Day
June		
2	Friday	Last day for Seniors
3	Saturday	Graduation - 4:00 P.M.
14, 15, 16		Final Exams
20	Tuesday	180th day. Last day of school if no days were canceled June 21, 22, 23 are make-up days - 183 days

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1979 FY BUDGET

Voted 2-23-78

1000 SERIES - ADMINISTRATION

	APPROPRIATED 1978	REQUESTED 1979
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
311 Salaries, Professional	\$ 5,564.00	\$ 5,564.00
314 Contracted Services	6,300.00	6,300.00
315 Supplies and Materials	700.00	900.00
316 Other Expenses	1,150.00	1,250.00
1200 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE		
311 Salaries, Professional	38,700.00	30,000.00
312 Salaries, Office	23,974.00	21,425.00
314 Contracted Services	1,500.00	1,500.00
315 Supplies and Materials	4,000.00	2,500.00
316 Other Expenses	1,540.00	1,300.00

2000 SERIES - INSTRUCTION

2100 INSTRUCTION		
311 Supervision	23,826.00	<u>23,224.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	1,050.00	825.00
2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE		
311.0 Administrative Salaries	92,858.00	<u>98,920.00</u>
312 Office Clerical Salaries	32,977.00	34,033.00
314 Contracted Services	8,786.00	9,264.00
315 Supplies and Materials	8,325.00	8,525.00
316 Other Expenses	2,540.00	2,563.00
2300 TEACHING		
311 Salaries, Professional	1,400,814.00	<u>1,519,768.00</u>
312 Salaries, Non-professional	31,065.00	32,464.00
314 Contracted Services	5,938.00	4,825.00
361 Summer Activity Salaries	350.00	350.00
315 Supplies and Materials	81,000.00	81,000.00
316 Teacher Dues and Travel	3,880.00	3,763.00
2400 TEXTBOOKS	34,995.00	34,558.00
2500 LIBRARY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA		
311 Salaries, Professional	28,783.00	<u>31,225.00</u>
312 Salaries, Non-Professional	13,800.00	14,260.00
314 Contracted Services	285.00	285.00
315 Supplies and Materials	5,450.00	5,450.00
316 Other Expense	388.00	400.00
2600 AUDIO VISUAL		
315 Supplies and Materials	20,000.00	21,638.00
2700 GUIDANCE SERVICES		
311 Salaries, Professional	98,256.00	<u>115,347.00</u>
312 Salaries, Secretaries	13,555.00	14,165.00

314 Contracted Services	None	None
315 Supplies and Materials	3,220.00	3,300.00
316 Other Expenses	323.00	350.00
3000 SERIES - OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
3100 ATTENDANCE		
313 Salaries, Non-professional	700.00	700.00
3200 HEALTH SERVICES		
311 Salaries, Professional	20,000.00	<u>20,600.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	500.00	<u>550.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	100.00	<u>100.00</u>
3310 OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES		
313 Salaries, Non-professional	600.00	<u>700.00</u>
3370 TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED SERVICES	<u>193,653.00</u>	<u>193,653.00</u>
3400 FOOD SERVICES		
313 Salaries, Non-professional	12,450.00	<u>13,000.00</u>
3510 ATHLETICS		
311 Salaries, Professional	40,000.00	<u>40,000.00</u>
314 Contracted Services	15,375.00	<u>15,375.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	11,501.00	<u>12,102.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	715.00	<u>750.00</u>
316.1 Athletic Account: Revolving Fund	1,850.00	<u>2,850.00</u>
3520 OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES		
311 Salaries, Professional	4,500.00	<u>4,725.00</u>
314 Contracted Services	2,187.00	<u>2,435.00</u>
315 Supplies & Uniforms	670.00	<u>812.00</u>
4000 SERIES - OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT		
4110 CUSTODIAL SERVICES		
313 Custodian Salaries	115,350.00	<u>119,400.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	11,000.00	<u>11,000.00</u>
4120 HEAT OF BUILDINGS	62,000.00	<u>62,000.00</u>
4130 UTILITY SERVICES		
315 Supplies and Materials	56,540.00	<u>56,625.00</u>
4210 MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS		
313 Salaries, Non-professional	8,096.00	<u>8,360.00</u>
314 Contracted Services	11,500.00	<u>12,500.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	2,200.00	<u>2,200.00</u>
4220 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS		
313 Salaries, Non-Professional	13,250.00	<u>13,750.00</u>
314 Contracted Services	27,500.00	<u>27,385.00</u>
315 Supplies and Materials	8,000.00	<u>8,000.00</u>
316 Other Expenses	640.00	<u>1,000.00</u>
4230 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT		
314 Contracted Services	13,825.00	13,025.00
315 Supplies and Materials	1,200.00	1,200.00

5000 SERIES - FIXED CHARGES

5100 316 Employment Retirement	41,000.00	<u>43,728.00</u>
5200 316 Insurance Program	70,000.00	<u>100,000.00</u>
5400 317 Debt Service	4,000.00	<u>2,000.00</u>

7000 SERIES - ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT

7200 RENOVATION

318 Remodelling--Art and Music	11,000.00	<u>7,000.00</u>
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7300 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT - Senior High

318 Library Books	5,320.00	5,500.00
318 Equipment Request	14,955.00	12,500.00

7300 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT-Junior High

318 Library Books	4,279.00	4,279.00
318 Equipment Request	5,787.00	6,000.00

7400 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Senior High	22,024.00	<u>15,230.00</u>
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7400 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Junior High	8,904.00	<u>9,055.00</u>
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8000 SERIES -

8100 DEBT RETIREMENT	145,000.00	105,000.00
8200 DEBT SERVICE	36,972.50	<u>32,078.00</u>
	<u>3,001,035.50</u>	<u>3,118,408.00</u>

SCHEDULE B - CHAPTER 766

2100B SUPERVISION

311B Salaries, Professional-School Union	None	<u>11,000.00</u>
312B Salaries, Non-Professional-School Union	None	<u>3,748.00</u>
315B Supplies and Materials	None	<u>1,500.00</u>
316B Other Expenses	None	<u>1,100.00</u>

2300B INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

311B Teaching Salaries	46,000.00	<u>59,188.00</u>
314B Contracted Services	7,000.00	<u>6,500.00</u>
315B Supplies and Materials	2,500.00	<u>1,650.00</u>
316B Other Expenses	1,050.00	<u>1,300.00</u>

2400B TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS

	2,500.00	<u>1,500.00</u>
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2800B EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES

312B Salaries, Professional	None	<u>500.00</u>
314B Contracted Services - Psychological Testing	None	<u>3,500.00</u>

3200B HEALTH SERVICES

314B Contracted	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
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3370B TRANSPORTATION

314B Contracted	35,000.00	<u>25,000.00</u>
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7300B ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	3,500.00	<u>400.00</u>
9000B OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS		
314B Contracted - Tuition		
100 Other Mass. Public Schools	7,500.00	<u>2,500.00</u>
200 Other Districts - Other States	None	<u>7,500.00</u>
300 Payments to Non-Public Schools	35,000.00	<u>36,000.00</u>
	\$140,550.00	\$163,386.00
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$3,141,585.50	\$3,281,794.00
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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1979 BUDGET
Cost Distribution

Student Enrollments, by Towns and Percentage of Enrollment

	October 1, 1977	1977 % of Total	1978 % of Total	1979 % of Total
Groveland	686 =	46.6001%	45.8770%	46.7302%
Merrimac	456 =	32.2520%	32.3298%	31.0627%
West Newbury	<u>326</u> =	<u>21.1479%</u>	<u>21.7932%</u>	<u>22.2071%</u>
	1468	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%

Budget Requests for 1979	\$3,281,794.00
Less: All categories	<u>965,814.00</u>
Total to be raised	\$2,315,980.00

Assessment to Towns, based on Agreement

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Groveland's Share	\$ 883,319.00	\$ 948,107.00	\$1,082,262.00
Merrimac's Share	611,346.00	668,137.00	719,406.00
West Newbury's Share	<u>400,865.00</u>	<u>450,385.00</u>	<u>514,312.00</u>
	\$1,895,530.00	\$2,066,629.00	\$2,315,980.00

SCHOOL REPORT
PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT

Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Balance - July 1, 1976	\$ 472,605.23
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Receipts

Assessment to the Towns	\$1,895,530.00	
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursements	770,090.58	
U.S. Government Grants	11,606.91	
Payroll Deductions	696,406.02	
School Lunch Program Fund	132,692.75	
Athletic Program Fund	10,075.45	
Tuition	2,175.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	9,802.31	
Refunds	2,205.46	
Interest Earnings	<u>8,425.33</u>	<u>3,539,009.81</u>
		\$4,011,615.04

Expenditures

Maintenance and Operation	\$2,692,890.20	
Amortization-Debt & Interest	239,542.50	
Payroll Deduction Payments	696,386.64	
School Lunch Program Fund	130,334.09	
Athletic Revolving Program Fund	8,606.44	
Public Law #89-10 Title II	1,358.47	
Public Law #90-10 Title IV-B	1,989.18	
Public Law #89-10 Title VI-B	<u>12,266.83</u>	<u>3,783,374.35</u>
		\$ 228,240.69
Vacation payroll expended but unpaid		<u>68,434.42</u>
		\$ 296,675.11

Receipts

Town Assessments:

Groveland	\$ 883,319.00	
Merrimac	611,346.00	
West Newbury	<u>400,865.00</u>	\$1,895,530.00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Reimbursements:

Chapter 71, Subchapter 16 Chap. 70	458,410.17	
Special Education 71B	75,860.42	
School Building Assistance 645	69,468.75	
Chapter 71 Subchapter 16D	149,777.64	
Public Law #89-10 Title II	1,333.43	
Public Law #89-10 Title IV-B	2,940.17	
Public Law #89-10 Title VI-B	<u>12,300.00</u>	770,090.58

U.S. Government Grant:		
Public Law #874		11,606.91
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding	239,556.25	
Massachusetts Withholding	77,683.85	
Pioneer Credit Union	212,429.50	
Retirement	90,257.30	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	57,832.27	
P.A.T. Dues	11,110.09	
Annuities	6,980.00	
Life Insurance	512.76	
United Fund	<u>44.00</u>	696,406.02
School Lunch Program Fund		
Sale of Food	78,381.65	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursement	<u>54,311.10</u>	132,692.75
Athletic Program Fund		
Sale of Tickets	4,075.45	
Transfer from Excess & Deficiency Tuition:	<u>6,000.00</u>	10,075.45
Payment of Out of Town Students		2,175.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:		
Driver Education	\$ 3,378.00	
Vending Machine Receipts	63.50	
Commission on Pay Phone	120.13	
Industrial Arts Fees	2,368.35	
Lost Books	410.40	
Locker Key Receipts	81.73	
Reimbursement of Toll Calls	5.46	
Insurance Adjustment Damage	974.50	
Physical Education Equipment & Jackets	332.00	
Other	<u>2,068.24</u>	9,802.31
Refunds:		2,205.46
Interest Earned:		<u>8,425.33</u>
Total Receipts Year Ended June 30, 1977		\$3,539,009.81

Expenditures

Maintenance and Operation:

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Salaries, Professional	4,684.63
Contracted Services	4,559.15
Supplies & Materials	1,034.20
Other Expenses	2,047.03

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Salaries, Professional	37,880.63
Salaries, Office	22,741.81
Contracted Services	513.84
Supplies & Materials	3,968.03
Other Expenses	1,632.45

INSTRUCTION

SUPERVISION:

Salaries, Professional	18,899.72
Supplies & Materials	411.68

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Administrative Salaries	88,827.52
Office Clerical Salaries	29,837.06
Contracted Services	8,633.05
Supplies & Materials	7,859.13
Other Expenses	1,907.75

TEACHING:

Salaries, Professional	1,260,411.03
Teaching Substitutes	17,535.00
Teaching Tuition Reimbursement	5,848.50
Salaries, Non-Professional	27,441.93
Contracted Services	3,036.41
Summer School Salaries	350.00
Supplies and Materials	54,337.52
Teacher Travel & Dues	2,256.69

TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS:	29,306.97
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INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA/LIBRARY:

Salaries, Professional	26,983.50
Salaries, Non-Professional	13,012.22
Contracted Services	124.05
Supplies & Materials	5,359.81
Other Expenses	66.00

AUDIO VISUAL:

Supplies and Materials	19,391.28
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GUIDANCE:

Salaries, Professional	91,116.30
Salaries, Secretaries	12,772.21
Contracted Services	1,240.24
Supplies & Materials	1,247.37
Other Expenses	131.10

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

ATTENDANCE:

Salaries, Non-Professional	675.00
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HEALTH SERVICES:

Salaries, Professional	19,476.00
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Supplies & Materials	355.81
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Other Expenses	117.90
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OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES:

Salaries, Non-Professional	619.50
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Regular Contracted Transportation	201,588.85
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FOOD SERVICES:

Salaries, Non-Professional	11,845.34
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ATHLETICS:

Salaries, Professional	33,848.29
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Contracted Services	11,834.69
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Supplies & Materials	12,149.04
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Other Expenses	769.41
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OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES:

Salaries, Professional	2,900.84
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Contracted Services	1,877.69
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Supplies & Materials	723.27
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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

CUSTODIAL SERVICES:

Salaries, Non-Professional	\$ 111,285.95
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Supplies & Materials	9,422.16
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HEAT OF BUILDINGS:	48,724.29
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UTILITY SERVICES:	52,906.39
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MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS:

Salaries, Non-Professional	7,957.28
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Contracted Services	8,134.19
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Supplies & Materials	1,346.80
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MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING:

Salaries, Non-Professional	12,427.47
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Contracted Services	36,399.18
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Supplies & Materials	8,978.63
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Other Expenses	480.00
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MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT:

Contracted Services	10,009.80
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Supplies & Materials	576.47
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FIXED CHARGES

EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT:	41,922.00
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INSURANCE PROGRAM:	79,568.67
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Library Books - Junior High School	3,946.58
Equipment - Junior High School	5,389.50
Library Books - Senior High School	4,934.03
Equipment - Senior High School	15,018.49

REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT:

Junior High School	6,383.62
Senior High School	9,868.33

SCHEDULE B - SPECIAL EDUCATION

INSTRUCTIONAL:

Instruction, Salaries	42,756.48
Contracted Services	5,966.25
Supplies & Materials	1,429.53
Other Expenses	2,067.40

TEXTBOOKS:	66.30
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HEALTH SERVICES:	1,751.50
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TRANSPORTATION:	24,467.56
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ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT:	2,651.53
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OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Other Mass. Public Schools	2,000.00
Other Districts-Other States	0
Payment of Non-Public Schools	7,827.64
Appropriation for Sewer Account	15,000.00
Reserve for Encumbrances	4,000.00
Payment of 1975-1976 Bills	<u>1,038.74</u>

2,692,890.20

Amortization:

Payment of Principal	195,000.00
Payment of Interest	<u>44,542.50</u>

239,542.50

Payroll Deduction Payments:

Federal Withholding	239,556.25
Massachusetts Withholding	77,683.50
Pioneer Credit Union	212,429.50
Pension Funds	91,274.28
P.A.T. Dues	11,110.09
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	56,771.16
Life Insurance	537.86
United Fund	44.00
Annuities	<u>6,980.00</u>

696,386.64

School Lunch Program Fund:

Salaries	38,723.61
Food	<u>91,610.48</u>

130,334.09

Athletic Revolving Fund:

Salaries	6,994.36
Other	<u>1,612.08</u>

8,606.44

Public Law #89-10 Title II;		
Subscriptions		1,358.47
Public Law #89-10 Title IVB;		1,989.18
Public Law #89-10 Title VIB:		
Payrolls	11,860.00	
Other	<u>406.83</u>	<u>12,266.83</u>
Total Expenses Year Ended June 30, 1977		\$3,783,374.35

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1977

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS:		
Cash-General	\$ 296,625.11	
Petty Cash	<u>50.00</u>	<u>\$ 296,675.11</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Summer Payroll	\$ 68,434.42	
Revolving Accounts:		
School Lunch Fund	8,847.93	
Athletic Program Fund	57.55	
Reserve for Petty Cash	50.00	
Excess & Deficiency	146,346.07	
P. L. 874	47,487.05	
Title IV B	83.79	
Title VI B	33.35	
Retirement	19,051.26	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	6,239.67	
Life Insurance	<u>44.02</u>	<u>\$ 296,675.11</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt		\$1,020,000.00
School Construction Loans:		
December 1, 1957	\$ 40,000.00	
December 15, 1965	450,000.00	
December 15, 1966	<u>530,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,020,000.00</u>

Alvin H. Watkins, Treasurer

WARRANT
for
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1977

ESSEX, ss.

To Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1977

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file applications under Section 466E, Title 33, of the United States Code for grants to be made by the United States to aid in defraying the costs of design of the sewerage treatment works, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to furnish such information and to take any other such action as may be necessary to enable the Town to qualify for the grant; to agree that if such a grant is made, the Town will pay all of the remaining costs of the approved project over and above the amount of the grant; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (less Federal and State Grants) for engineering services to prepare construction drawings and specifications for the proposed sewerage system and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for engineering services to prepare said drawings and specifications and to act in any other way relative thereto; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried 140 yes
12 no

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to choose by ballot each year, beginning with the Annual Town Election, May 9, 1977, three members of the Sewer Commissioners as provided for in Section 1, Chapter 41, of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least fourteen (14) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Give under our hands this 1st day of March, 1977.

NANCY C. MacGREGOR
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE
GEORGE P. STEVENS
Board of Selectmen

WARRANT
for
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1977

ESSEX, ss.

To Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1977

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of expenses for Chapter 766 Special Education for the Merrimac Schools; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote as stated in Article 1 of the March 15, 1977 Special Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file applications under Section 466E, Title 33, of the United States Code, and Chapter 21, Section 33 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for grants to be made by the Federal and State Governments, to aid in defraying the costs of design of the Sewerage Treatment Works, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to furnish such information and to take any other such action as may be necessary to enable the Town to qualify for the grant; to agree that if such a grant is made, the Town will pay all of the remaining costs of the approved project; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Revenue Sharing Funds to pay the balance required for Street Lighting; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Revenue Sharing Funds to purchase a fire file for the Treasurer's Office; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I, Section 7 of the Town By-Laws to read: "HOURS OF VOTING - The polls are to be opened for voting at Annual Town Elections no later than 10:00 A.M. and are to remain open until 8:00 P.M."; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain or otherwise for the purpose of permanent and temporary easements and a wastewater facility, any land or any interest in land

necessary in connection with the foregoing, and also to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose, determine how such a sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, from available funds, or by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority to provide bus service to the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto. Tabled to next Special

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Anti-Recession Funds to Selectmen's Expense; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote as stated in Article 22 of the May 2, 1977 Annual Town Meeting, by striking the word "new" and substituting in place thereof the word "used" so that the vote will read as follows: "That the Town vote to transfer from unappropriated funds a sum of \$3,000.00 to purchase a used air compressor for the Highway Department."; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Police Department to be used for wage increase and benefits for those covered under contract in the Department and the Police Chief; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 13 of the Town By-Laws by inserting Section 7 to read as follows: "Section 7. No person shall deposit rubbish in the Town Refuse Disposal Areas unless such person shall have first obtained a Disposal Area Permit which shall be prominently displayed on said person's motor vehicle; or take any action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Revenue Sharing Funds to the Council on Aging to be used as matching funds for them to secure a Title V Grant to complete the exterior of the Senior Citizens Center or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to revoke the authority to borrow \$69,238.00, being a portion of the sum which was originally granted in Article 15 of the May 5, 1975 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac at least fourteen (14) days before said time of Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of September, 1977.

GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE
GEORGE P. STEVENS
NANCY C. MacGREGOR
Board of Selectmen

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss.

To, Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1978

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 108 as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, and raise appropriate or transfer sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised or transferred to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1978 and make appropriations for the same, said sums of money so raised, appropriated or transferred to be expended for specific purposes to be voted; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1978, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1978; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating Balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1978; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of Cemetery Lots, such a sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said Cemeteries, according to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 114, Sections 14 and Section 25; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer dog license fees collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1978, to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 172; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An Act Providing State Aid for Free Public Libraries"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money (less Federal and State Grants) for construction of the proposed Sewerage System, including associated engineering fees; to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to apply for and expend State and Federal Grants; to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to contract for construction, engineering or fiscal services associated with the proposed Sewerage System; and to act in any other way relative thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to enter into an agreement with the Town of Amesbury, Mass. for the purpose of joining the Merrimac Sewer Collection System to the Amesbury System, thence to the Amesbury Wastewater Treatment Plant and to negotiate with Amesbury Officials the conditions of the agreement and the schedule of charges to Merrimac necessitated by such an agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to convey to the Merrimac Housing Authority two parcels of land located at Mill Street, for the purpose of building housing for the elderly under Chapter 121B of the General Laws and on the condition that in the event construction of housing for the elderly is not commenced within three years, title to the property shall revert to the Inhabitants of the Town of Merrimac and to authorize the Selectmen to execute a deed or other instruments necessary to complete said conveyance; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 and amend its Zoning By-Laws in the following manner bringing it into conformity therewith; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, and resurfacing of local streets; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to install adequate drainage, widen and resurface a certain portion of Emery Street from number twenty-one (21) to number thirty-five (35) inclusive; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of

repairing the bulldozer for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purchase of trash containers from Whittier Vo-Tech for Merrimac Square; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used by the Highway Department to remove the Harriman Road underpass; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of purchasing three (3) two-way radios for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to meet overdrafts incurred in the Snow and Washout Account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 31; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of purchasing a new Police Cruiser; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for an increase in the Annual Compensation for the Police Chief as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 48 Section 57G; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to recommend that the "Civil Service Status for the Police Chief of Merrimac be eliminated, and that the Town of Merrimac take whatever steps are necessary to accomplish that end"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of purchasing a new heating system for the Town Hall; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to recommend that the Master Plan be used as a Policy Guide for future planning for the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of hiring a Certified Public Accountant to complete a Town Audit; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of

constructing an addition to the Town Hall to contain a vault; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a five (5) member Study Committee to research the re-cycling program throughout the Commonwealth; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of purchasing the bin at the Town Dump for re-cycling; or take any other other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of implementing the contract between the Town of Merrimac and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, A.F.L.-C.I.O. State Council #93, Local 939 (Town Employees Contract); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Haverhill/Newburyport Mental Health Retardation Area Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for Consultant fees as needed by the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to re-surface, fertilize and seed the new soccer field; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority to provide bus service to the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of completing the renovations of the Brox Municipal Building; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of a new roof or to repair the present roof of the Merrimac Public Library; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors to perform duties and incur expenses relating to any equalization or revaluation of the Town; to authorize the Board of Assessors to hire themselves at the rate of \$4.00 per hour and to hire such other

necessary assistance as the Board of Assessors may deem necessary or convenient; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for a Consulting Engineer as needed for the Planning Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of purchasing a base station transmitter for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of purchasing or leasing a copy machine for the Selectmen's Office; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Merrimac Historical Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XVII Section 118.2 of the Town By-Laws relating to Schedule of Permit Fees, by deleting same and adding in place thereof the following: SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES: New Construction - 1st floor - 4 cents per square foot; New Construction - additional finished area - 2 cents per square foot; Alterations and Additions - 3 cents per square foot - minimum \$20.00; Finished Basement - 2 cents per square foot; Demolition - 1 cent per square foot - minimum \$5.00; Private Garage - (separate permit) \$15.00; Swimming Pool - Above Ground - \$15.00; Swimming Pool - Below Ground - \$25.00; Chimney building as an addition or rebuilding - \$10.00; Moving of a building - (based on contract cost) \$5.00 per thousand - \$20.00 minimum; Minimum fee except as noted - \$10.00; Public Safety Certificate for Nurseries, Kindergarten, Clubs, Halls, Ect...to be paid by individuals - \$25.00; BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS: 4 cents per square foot for 1st 2,500 square feet of floor area; 2 cents per square foot for each additional square foot; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XVII Section 122.3 of the Town By-Laws (Page 15, Seventh Line) by inserting one-hundred (\$100) Dollars and deleting Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V of the Town By-Laws by inserting Section 10 to read as follows: "Section 10. The Town agrees to make temporary repairs on Private Ways which have been open to public use for six years or more, and such repairs shall not subject the Town to liability of any kind under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 84 Section 25. Such temporary repairs shall include only the filling of holes in the sub-surface of way and repairs to the surface material of the ways, and shall not include the resurfacing or other permanent construction or reconstruction of such ways. This work shall not be undertaken unless

the Board of Selectmen have in their possession releases approved by Town Counsel from all abutters nor unless the Selectmen vote that repairs are required by public convenience and necessity; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote the discontinuance of the following unbuilt ways under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82 Section 21; beginning at Brush Hill Road, property now or formerly owned by Edwin M. and Jeannette M. Tammik to Highland Road; Battis Road from the Merrimac Sanitary Land-Fill to Birch Meadow Road; Birch Meadow Road from 0007 to 0007 Birch Meadow Road (loop); Huse Road in its entirety; Old Bear Hill Road from new standpipe to Bear Hill Road; Red Oak Road (also known as Red Oak Hill Road) in its entirety; Chase Road in its entirety; all Fire Lanes existing in the Town of Merrimac in the year 1978; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to recommend that the Landing School House, a Town owned building, be placed in the custodianship of the Merrimac Historical Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to create an advisory committee to establish the feasibility of having Cable TV in the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to change property owned by Bernard Tay, Northshore Community Trailer Park from Industrial Zone to Residential Zone; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote an addition to the Zoning By-Laws to prohibit Massage Parlors within the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote an addition to the Zoning By-Laws to prohibit Self-Service Gas Stations within the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

Given under our hands this 17th day of April, 1978.

GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE
GEORGE P. STEVENS
NANCY C. MacGREGOR
Board of Selectmen

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss.

To, Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1977

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, G. L.'s. as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1977 and make appropriations for the same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted. Voted as amended

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. Voted

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1977; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$74,000.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to rise and give thanks to the Centennial Committee for their fine work during 1976; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating Balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax-rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1977; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$35,000.00

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file application under Section 466 E, Title 33, of the United States Code for grants to be made by the United States to aid in defraying the

costs of construction of the sewage treatment works, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to furnish such information and to take other such action as may be necessary to enable the Town to qualify for the grant; to agree that if such a grant is made, the Town will pay all of the remaining costs of the approved project over and above the amount of the grant; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Turkey Hill Interceptor, Cobblers Brook Interceptor, Attitash Interceptor, and the Lateral Sewers tributary to the above Interceptors; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto. Tabled

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchases or by eminent domain or otherwise for the purpose of permanent and temporary easements and a wastewater facility, any land or any interest in land necessary in connection with the foregoing, and also to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose, determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, from available funds, or by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto. Postponed

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide expense money for the Sewage Commissioners; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$2,000.00

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to be expended for Street Lighting; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$748.02

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to pay for printing the Town By-Laws; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$300.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to pay for the Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto. Not carried.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to pay for Town Hall heat; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$400.00

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to be expended on Water in Town Buildings; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted 42.76

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to be expended for engineering and consultant fees; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$3,000.00

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority to provide bus service to the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto. Tabled to 6/15/77

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to eliminate from the ballot each year, beginning with the Annual Town Election, May 8, 1978, the Offices of "Trustee of Kimball Park" and "Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark" and make them positions to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 13 of the Town By-Laws by inserting Section 6 to read as follows: "Section 6. Any brush involved in a land clearing operation, either single house lot or sub-division, must be chipped before being deposited at the Town Land Fill Area. Small quantities of brush gathered from general yard cleaning may be deposited in the Land Fill Area without first being chipped. Stumps and logs will be accepted as is."; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III Section 1 of the Town By-Laws to read; "The Moderator shall in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (Terr. Ed.) Chapter 39 Section 16 at the Annual Town Meeting appoint a Finance Committee to consist of nine (9) citizens of the Town."; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to convey to the Governor and it's elected State Representatives and Senators it's desire that there be no extension of Cumpulsory and Binding Arbitration beyond its termination date of June 30, 1977, so that final authority for determining local expenditures be returned to the Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds or borrow a sum of money from Road Construction and/or Improvements as defined in the 1977 Comprehensive Highway, Mass. Transit and Local Highway Aid Program Act; or take any other action relative thereto. Carried

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase an air compressor for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$3,000.00

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to subsidize the cost of Ambulance Service to the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$3,500.00 Trans. \$1,100 Rev. Shr.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase six (6) Trash Receptacles for Merrimac Square; or take any other action relative thereto. Not carried

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to pay Dump Salary; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to be expended for Dump Expense; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to be expended for Special Police Officers; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$12,230.40 Anti-Rec

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to be expended for installing a temporary Electric Meter in the Police Department; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of Cemetery Lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said Cemeteries, according to Section 14 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer dog license fees collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1977, to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free Public Libraries"; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors to perform duties and incur expenses relating to any equalization or revaluation of the Town; to authorize the Board of Assessors to hire themselves at the rate of Four (\$4.00) Dollars per hour and to hire such other necessary assistance as the Board of Assessors may deem necessary or convenient; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$4,000.00

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to repair the roof and exterior of the Town Hall; or take any other action relative thereto. Vote \$7,000.00 Stabilization Fund

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds sum of money to pay for Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$10,462.00 Revenue Sharing

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money for the Haverhill/Newburyport Mental Health and Retardation Area Board; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$4,202.00 Rev. Shr.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to be expended for Civil Defense Expenses; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$350.00 Anti-Rec

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the replacement of eight (8) inch water main on Lancaster Court for the Water Department; or take any other action relative thereto. Voted \$1,635.00

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to repair drainage on Harriman Road. Voted \$7,000.00 Rev. Shr.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase equipment for treasurer's office. Voted \$1,000.00 Rev. Shr.

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 18th day of April, 1977.

Nancy C. MacGregor
George A. Waterhouse
George P. Stevens
Board of Selectmen

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